



WALDRINGFIELD HISTORY GROUP

Annual Report 2024/25

This year has been a busy year for members. Research has been going on apace into the history of various houses in the village but also into the lost trades in the village. An excellent talk was produced and presented by Alyson Videlo, Gareth Thomas, John Ogden & Michael Atkinson, on this subject. John Ogden explaining the history of the village mill and the circumstances of its demise, The Garage explained by the influx of visitors to the village after the war and the change from Agricultural vehicles to personal ones, the Wheelwrights & Blacksmiths in the village, the many Post Offices and shops and tea rooms. It was all very interesting.

Caroline Ogden and others have done research on many of the houses in the village. We are trying to create a database of the history of all the houses.

The Memorial Rolls for WW2 were published on our website and the WW1 Rolls updated. These hopefully will be published in paper form soon. Copies to be given to the local churches.

We continue to gather information on anything relating to Waldringfield and its near surroundings and make an annual report to the Local History Council for Suffolk.

We try and help people with historical enquiries from further away when they can't visit and also help those that do if requested.

Some members of the Group are also involved with Simon Read's project on the history and future of the river. Samples have been taken as part of a core sampling project on the marshes in collaboration with other groups to hopefully find out why the walls were built where they were and the effect of Mud extraction for the cement factory, and other activities are continuing depending on their own interests. The project should come to a head in an exhibition in the village hall on 30/31 Aug 2025, co-ordinated by Sue Quick.

We will be meeting again 11th September in the Kennedy Room and welcome anyone who would like to join us.