

**WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
REPORT TO ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2023**

THE HISTORY GROUP SAW THE DEPARTURE OF TWO COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHOM WE THANKED FOR THEIR VERY GENEROUS AND CONSIDERABLE CONTRIBUTION. WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE TWO NEW VOLUNTEERS TO THE COMMITTEE. MRS RITA WOODCRAFT AND MRS AMANDA ERLNBACH.

THE TALKS HELD DURING THE YEAR INCLUDED THE RESCHEDULED TALK BY CHARLIE HAYLOCK, WHO RECENTLY WORKED WITH RALPH FIENNES ON "THE DIG". THIS WAS HERALDED AS A MAJOR SUCCESS AND WE WERE VERY PROUD AND PLEASED THAT RALPH FIENNES HIMSELF ATTENDED THE TALK AND TOOK QUESTIONS AT THE END. THIS WAS A VERY FITTING START TO REJUVENATING OUR HISTORY GROUP.

THERE WAS MORE TO COME AND ON 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022, MARK BAILEY, PROFESSOR OF LATE MEDIEVAL HISTORY AT THE UEA GAVE A TALK ON "RECONSTRUCTING THE EVOLUTION OF THE SUFFOLK COASTLINE WITH SOME INSIGHTS FROM THE WALBERSWICK AREA". PROFESSOR BAILEY WAS AN EXCELLENT SPEAKER AND A BIG HIT WITH THE AUDIENCE.

THEN ON SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER, 2022, WE HAD AN INDEPTH TALK BY RICHARD HOGGERT ON "GHOST STORIES OF M R JAMES."

TWO EXHIBITIONS WERE HELD IN THE HERITAGE HUT DURING MARCH 2023 DISPLAYING ART WORKS OF THE VILLAGE BY JESSIE MABEL BROWTON AND GEORGE CHARLES HAITE. ALMOST 200 PEOPLE IN TOTAL ATTENDED THESE EXHIBITIONS AND WERE VERY

COMPLIMENTARY IN THEIR REMARKS IN THE VISITORS' BOOK. THESE WERE WIDELY ADVERTISED.

WE ALSO HELD AN OPEN MORNING ON SUNDAY 23 APRIL 2023 – ALSO IN THE HERITAGE HUT FOR ANYONE TO COME AND LOOK AT THE ARCHIVES OR JUST FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE HISTORY GROUP.

THE TALK ON “WHITE BARN AND THE CLEMINSON” WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED ON SATURDAY 6TH MAY 2023 AFTER WHICH WE RAISED A GLASS TO TOAST OUR NEWLY CROWNED KING.

PAT LANCASTER
4 MAY 2023