

Here's our November newsletter!

Hallo everyone. It really is amazing how time flies. Here we are in November hoping, in my case, that the winter is not going to be too severe and that I can deal with the late afternoon darkness which makes the days seem so short. There are consolations, but not many in my opinion!

However, we have Waveney Heritage to keep us interested and involved and it is great to see it all developing and the increasing involvement of our volunteers and members. Next time you come to a Sunday afternoon talk, do take a little time to look at the front garden and also the little courtyard at the rear. Our gardeners have been clearing, pruning and planting. The willow wall has been tidied and two of the raised beds have bulbs in and we've starting planting the herbs with which we intend to fill them. The third bed needs some repair, so that has to be done first.

If any of you have spare plants of any sort you might like to donate we will be delighted to receive them; - there's plenty of room!

I don't know if I mentioned before that we now have a new improved kitchen, thanks to the donation of a fridge-freezer, two microwaves, a little hotplate and a mini oven. This will enable us to function in a tidy and attractive environment and I'm sure the "food police" will be suitably impressed should they decide to inspect us. At present we are not doing any cooking, but in the future I'm sure we will want to. We shall certainly make use of it all when entertaining you during our Christmas "bash" on 13th December. We're planning for mulled wine, mince pies etc. and of course will again be entertained by "Rough at the Edges". Those of you who came last year will remember what a lovely occasion that was.

We are very grateful to those of you who donated the equipment, also the tables and chairs, the dark blinds, the gardening stuff, the books for our book corner, most importantly your time and last, but not least, money! We certainly could not continue without bodies on the ground and the great support you all give us.

We have now just about completed our programme of speakers post-Christmas. We have concentrated as before on a wide range of topics, presented by experts from as local an area as possible. This saves car journeys but, most importantly, demonstrates the wealth of expertise we have on our doorstep. They have such wide-ranging interests that we have been able to invite back several of our previous speakers including, to name but two, Margaret Griffiths who wowed us all with her talk on the "Mayflower" a couple of weeks ago and Elaine Murphy, our patron, author and fount of knowledge on local families, houses and much else.

Don't forget with have two more talks before our Christmas celebration: -

Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm:- Rosemary Steer speaks on "Service and Sacrifice"

_The many local men who took part in WW1 and the huge sacrifices that were made.

Sunday 24th November at 2..30pm:- Stuart Bowell on "Round Towered Churches"

We have so many in this area we take them for granted, but they are extremely rare elsewhere.

Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm:- "Watermills of the Waveney" by Trevor Scott.

Trevor talks about his project investigating the history of the many mills, lost and still present.

As always,

Just come on the day or phone Mary 01379 668279 or Jill 01379 669057 for advance booking or more information.