

Waveney Heritage.  
Newsletter September 2019

Hallo everyone!

We hope you have been enjoying your summer. At least we can say that the weather has provided something for everyone. At present I'm sitting in a room with two comatose dogs who can't cope with the heat and ten days or-so ago we were feeling distinctly chilly and wondering if summer had finished! I'm sure it would be boring if the weather was always the same, so we take what comes and hope for the best.

However, one of the consolations of Autumn is that everything starts happening again and that is no exception with Waveney Heritage. We now have a full programme of speakers and events, running right through to Christmas. Nearly all our speakers are local and it has been a revelation to realise how much talent and knowledge we have on our door steps. We are so grateful to them all for being prepared to share their interests with us, very often for a very low, or no fee or a donation to a favourite charity. We have to cover the costs of running the building which as you can imagine are significant, so we are very pleased that they are happy to do so.

We're pleased to tell you that we now have a half-size billiard table at the centre, again, kindly donated and that we are in the process of applying for grants towards setting up a table tennis club and a "boules" club as well. We intend to use part of the playground for the boules and the grant application will be to help with the cost of laying this out. There will still be plenty of room for car parking and also for a table and chairs under one of the trees so that we can play in full French fashion with maybe a glass of wine or a coffee!

Over the past month we have had several members coming to help out with some gardening and we have cleared the little courtyard garden ready for planting and refurbished the willow fence. We have made our plans for the rest of the garden and that will move forward when Community Action have completed their blitz of nettles and brambles at the end of September. They will also be doing outside painting of the windows, so we are very grateful to them. Once again, there is no charge for this!

We have had several requests to start a book swap system and we will be getting going with this in the next week or so. We have plenty of space to put books and it would be lovely if we can be open, say, once a week with tea, coffee and biscuits (maybe cakes as well!) so that it can be a place to chat as well as browse. If anyone has books, they could offer and also TIME to help it would be great. We'll let you have a date for the first get-together as soon as we have one.

In the meantime, we have two very differing talks lined up for you in September. On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 Ivor Murrell talks on "Mastery of Water, Wind and Fire", a Maltster's tale. Ivor was the last traditional floor maltster in Suffolk and Ivor will reveal all - a tale few people know. It should be fascinating.

Then on 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.30pm, Elaine Murphy, our Patron, will take us on a conducted tour of Brockdish church. The building is definitely not what one expects from an East Anglian mediaeval church and Elaine has written a comprehensive guide to it's wonders. As you probably know Elaine is making full use of her retirement, having researched and written two books, one about her own house, the other on Monk's Hall, Syleham and contributed a string of pieces to Brockdish "Mardler" magazine on topics ranging from highways, droving, fell-mongering and the many pubs in the village to mention just a few. Please note that for this meeting only we meet at the church, post code is IP21 4LB. We will put up signs for those of you who might not find us! Jan Croxon, church warden, will be there and has kindly offered tea and cake. You will also be able to climb the tower, see the bells and admire the view. Wow!

We're looking forward to seeing you all again. So do come, you'll love it!

Best wishes,  
Mary Thompson