

Newsletter WHC 31st December

Hello! We hope you have all had a happy and fulfilled Christmas and that you are looking forward to 2020. I'm sure you will agree with me in hoping that we can have a more settled time than during the past three years!

Here at the old school in Brockdish we have been cooking up a great programme for the start of the year, commencing with a talk on **Sunday 12th January at 2.15pm** by the irrepressible Robin Twigge of the Swan Hotel in Harleston.

For 55 years Robin has worked around Europe, starting as a pot-washer in Woodbridge, culminating with owning his own small group of hotels, including "The Swan". He has appeared on TV as the star of the "Hotel Inspector" and is involved in countless undertakings in and around Harleston, including the "Mayflower" celebrations which will take place during the whole of 2020.

Who said Harleston and surroundings is a backwater!

On **Sunday 26th January, also at 2.15pm**

David Gladwell, long-established resident of the Waveney Valley will talk on "The Waveney:-It's Life and Times:- Wandering water, walks and a workhouse:- Life along the Waveney from Redgrave to North Cove".

Please note that we have arranged both these talks on a Sunday afternoon to avoid you having to turn out on a dark and cold evening, but we will return to our alternate afternoon/evening system as the weather improves.

Our other activities continue to develop, including Table Tennis on Thursday evenings at 7.00pm, garden club and other activities on Tuesday afternoons from 2.00pm and of course the "radio Boys" continue their work in the upstairs school room every Tuesday afternoon as well.

We are also in communication with Norfolk Archive and Record Office to join with them in a scheme to co-ordinate archives and local history throughout the whole of Norfolk in a system which will be universally understood and accessible to all. We will be asking for volunteer archivists (posh word, simple task!) to help with this when it gets underway.

Just to remind you, you can attend any of our talks for £4.00 if you are a member and £5.00 as a visitor. Our other activities are generally charged at £2.00 per person per session. This enables us (just!) to keep our heads above water and pay the rent, electricity and so-on. All our volunteers are unpaid and many of our speakers waive their fees or simply ask for a contribution to charity.

Many, many thanks to all of them and to all of you for supporting us!

Please contact Jill 01379 669057 or Mary 01379 668279, email, marygthompson@aol.com for further information. You don't have to book in advance for any of these events, but it does help if we have a rough idea of potential numbers if you do! You will also find details on our website "Waveney Heritage CIC.org.uk".

Very best wishes,
Mary and Jill