

FRESSINGFIELD LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVE GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT

Fressingfield Local History and Archive Group, known as FLHAG is an organization whose purpose is:

- 1.To preserve a physical and digital archive of the history of our village.
- 2.To entertain and inform residents of Fressingfield and surrounding villages with talks about the history of our village and East Anglia in general.
3. To arrange visits to places of local historical interest.
4. To assist villagers and others interested in family and historical research.

Our founding member and long serving archivist Mary Cufley has also written and compiled several books about life and times in and around the village in the past and these are available to purchase.

We meet in the Methodist Chapel in New Street on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the summer months (April to September) and at 2pm in the winter October to February. There is no meeting in December.

During 2022 FLHAG was still recovering from the effects of the Covid pandemic with reduced attendances at talks and visits and increased costs for speakers. Thanks to an interesting and entertaining range of subjects for our monthly talks arranged by our Programme Organiser Ken Rowbottom attendances steadily improved. We spread the word to surrounding villages and now have members drawn from Stradbroke, Weybread , Laxfield and Harleston.

In another recent innovation we have adjusted our timing for meetings during the “dark winter days” between October and March to start in the afternoons so that our senior members can walk or drive to the Methodist Chapel where our meetings are held, during daylight hours and not have to travel in the dark evenings. Our first afternoon meeting featuring a talk by Sarah Doig about St Edmundsbury Cathedral was an outstanding success with a particularly good attendance by our members. We have recently begun to publish our programme in The Harleston Grapevine to hopefully attract even more members

We consider ourselves to be an essential part of the social scene in Fressingfield and welcome new members at all our lectures and events. We currently have 60 members.

Appendix 1. 2023 Programme of events

Appendix 2. Club Accounts

Fressingfield Local History and Archive Group

(FLHAG)

Programme of Lectures and Events 2023

1. Tuesday 24th January 2023.

The Farming Year- Robert Simper.

2. Tuesday 28th February 2023.

The Development of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral- Sarah Friswell.

3. Tuesday 28th March 2023.

Travellers Tales- "East Anglia through the eyes of Travel Writers
over the Centuries."-Sarah Doig.

4. Tuesday 25th April 2023.

A History Tour of The River Waveney Part1-Eastern.

Stephen Poulter.

5. Tuesday 23rd May 2023.

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"History of The River Waveney" Revisited- Gordon Lascelles.

6. Tuesday 27th June 2023.

Outdoor Event- FLHAG Visit to Flatford Mill.

7. Tuesday 25th July 2023.

The Heraldry of The Wingfield and De La Poles and of The Families
into whom they Married.-Bob Elliott.

8. Tuesday 22nd August 2023.

Fig Leaves, Farthingales and Fichues: The Evolution of Fashion.

Frances Saltmarsh.

9. Tuesday 26th September 2023.

A History Tour of The River Waveney Part2-Western.

Stephen Poulter.

10. Tuesday 24th October 2023.

“
Drovers, Cattle, Dung and Hide”

Elaine Murphy.

11. Tuesday 28th November 2023.

“More Music Hall Memories, Stories About Some of The
Most Popular Stars and The Songs That Made Them Famous.”

Bryan Thurlow.

12. Tuesday 26th December 2023.

NO MEETING.

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ACCOUNTS FOR JANUARY 2022 TO DECEMBER 2022

INCOME

Subscriptions	400.00
Guests	96.00
Tea funds surplus	45.00
Books sold	13.00
Charlie Haylock (door receipts)	<u>195.00</u>
	749.00

EXPENDITURE

Rent to Methodist Chapel	360.00
Speakers	552.90
Windmill visit	55.00
Suffolk History Council	25.00
Insurance	192.13
Printing books & postage	22.28
RBL Wreath	25.00
Wine	47.00
Charlie Haylock Fee	125.00
Charlie Haylock rent	<u>18.75</u>
	1423.06

BANK C/F + Petty Cash 2073.14

BANK ACCOUNT DEC 2022 1152.53

INCOME SHORTFALL 674.06
1399.08

Petty Cash 246.55
1399.08

Hon. Treasurer

BARRY JONES

The above Accounts represent a true
copy of the year's activities.

CHRISTINE VINCENT