

FRESSINGFIELD LOCAL HISTORY AND ARCHIVE GROUP

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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.

2024 was another successful year for the club with visiting speakers giving talks on various interesting subjects. The highlight of the year being our November meeting when Charlie Haylock gave talk on the history of the English language. In June about 20 members visited the boat builders in Woodbridge where a team of experts are constructing a full scale replica of the Sutton Hoo Ship. A full list of talks and events is attached to this document.

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 approximately 40 members and always welcome new members.

At the end of 2024 we moved from our meeting place in the Methodist Chapel in New Street to Old Chapel Arts in Cratfield Road. Meetings are at 7.30pm on the last Tuesday of the month. From the start of this year, to cut costs we have reduced the number of meetings. For this year meetings will be in April (a talk about the building of the tower at St Edmundsbury Cathedral with Horry Parsons) June (a visit to St Michaels church at Framlingham) September (a talk about the social history of Suffolk with Charlie Haylock) November [Our end of year party night East Anglian folk music with Harbour Lights]

With the help of grants from the Parish and District Councils our Archivist Matthew Newman has acquired a state of the art projector for both slides and moving images and a laptop to help digitize the archive material held by the club.