

**WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
REPORT TO THE VILLAGE MEETING
TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

GOOD EVENING LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. AS WITH MOST ORGANISATIONS AND GENERALLY, THE LAST 18 MONTHS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY CHALLENGING IN DEALING WITH THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC.

AT THE MOMENT WE HAVE 120 PAID UP MEMBERS AND NOW HAVE THE ABILITY IN THE HERITAGE HUT TO STREAM FUTURE TALKS FOR THOSE WHO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS IN PERSON.

FOR OUR PART, WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HOLD ANY TALKS AND THE 3 WE HAD PLANNED HAD TO BE CANCELLED. OUR ONLY CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION WITH OUR MEMBERS WAS BY PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING 9 X "LOCKDOWN" ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER – OUR THANKS GO ESPECIALLY TO JOHN ENGLISH AND TO HIS CONTRIBUTORS FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT.

THE LOCKDOWN ALSO SAW THE REVOVATION OF THE HERITAGE HUT ON THE GREEN. THIS WAS DUE TO THE DEDICATION OF THE COMMON LANDS TRUST, PARISH COUNCIL, SCROLL GROUP AND OUR ARCHIVIST, PAT LANCASTER. AS A RESULT, ALL THE ARCHIVES HAVE BEEN MOVED FROM HER HOME TO THE HERITAGE HUT. THIS IS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT AND BODES WELL FOR THE FUTURE. IT IS GOOD TO KNOW THAT ALL THE ARCHIVES REMAIN IN THE VILLAGE.

IT IS OUR INTENTION TO HOLD VARIOUS EXHIBITIONS IN THE HERITAGE HUT DISPLAYING ART WORKS OF THE VILLAGE BY JESSIE MABEL BROWTON – AROUND 1930/40S - AND GEORGE CHARLES HAITE - FROM 1895. WE SHALL ALSO BE HOLDING OPEN MORNINGS FOR ANYONE TO COME AND LOOK AT THE ARCHIVES – ALL DATES AS YET TO BE DECIDED.

OUR AGM IS PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER – DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED - IN THE VILLAGE HALL. OUR NEXT PLANNED TALK WILL BE ON SATURDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2021 BY CHARLIE HAYLOCK, AUTHOR AND EXPERT ON SUFFOLK DIALECT. HE RECENTLY WORKED WITH RALPH FIENNES ON “THE DIG”.

PAT LANCASTER/REV CANON HARRY EDWARDS
9 SEPT 2021