

## **Report for the Annual Parish Meeting 2024 by the Walberswick Local History Group, presented by the Chairman, The Reverend Canon Harry Edwards.**

The History Group had a very good year in 2023.

Membership has continued to grow and by year end we had approximately 125 paid up members with another 50 as yet unpaid for the new year, but it is lovely to see that so many people are interested in the village's history, both permanent residents and those regular second homeowners.

Pat Lancaster led the team through three exhibitions in quick succession. In early March we had the George Charles Haité exhibition of charcoal sketches of Walberswick dated 1895. In late March there was an exhibition of Jessie Browton's paintings of Walberswick from the 20th century. In April there was an open morning allowing viewing of the archive and discussion of matters Walberswick.

Talks were held during the year on the Conservation of the Village Scroll, The Clemonson Family in Walberswick and Southwold Railway, along with a wonderful evening of song provided by Alan Stannard, the Singing Postman, after our AGM.

Sadly, the proposed talk by Bob Jellicoe on his book Shorlines, had to be cancelled at the last minute due to the Flooding in October, but this is in the process of being rescheduled for this year.

Our Newsletter Editor John English produced another two extremely informative and interesting Newsletters. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have anything that you think might be of interest to cover in these newsletters, we are always looking for new contributors.

Finally Pat Lancaster our wonderful Archivist, who has done such an amazing job at getting the archives digitised, and catalogued, and rehoused in the Heritage Hut is resigning **from the Committee**. We are therefore looking for someone to take her place **on the Committee** and take on this task for us. If anyone is interested, please either contact Pat or myself – as we always say Today's news is tomorrow's history!

Thank you!

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