

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

REPORT TO THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

21st April 2016.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the Village History Group, looking back over the years to the formation, which was in the capable hands of Don Thompson and Pat Wythe with a large committee and people beavering about researching various pieces of village history, some more recent, some further back in time, but in 25 years the history is still being found but unfortunately the members of the original committee have moved on and our membership numbers are getting smaller, such is the way of a village like Walberswick.

To recognise the 25 years since the formation, the History Group are planning an Archive weekend on the 28/29/30 of May when material that has been collected over those 25 years will be on show along with films and videos, pictures modern and old, information that charts the progress through the ages of this village from Roman times to the Victorians and maybe some very ancient artefacts.

There is another session of Test Pit Digging on 27/28 April this is the last of 4 sessions spaced over four years, people say to me but there is nothing in my garden, and in 1841 on the Tithe Map in most cases, there was no habitation, but the village of Walberswick has moved around considerably since it was formed around 800 AD, there have been sherds of Roman Pottery found from the 1st to 4th century, but there has been no large scale finds, indicating more than coming from Dunwich on a picnic, at that period the river flowed out at Dunwich and it would have been an easy passage by the river to the higher land that became Walberswick.

Membership of the History Group is open to all, Membership fee is £7.50 per annum, there are three lectures a year along with a Xmas get together, and the News Letter is published twice a year, containing local history information.

That is the History Group Report

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