

WALBERSWICK LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

**NEWSLETTER**

For those of you who attended our first Members meeting on January 7th., 1992 this, the first W.L.H.G., Newsletter, will to some extent be covering familiar ground.

On the night of the 7th., 30 Members attended out of a total of 50, prior to that night the figure was 49. We were very pleased that Mike Marshall could join us, Mike has been extremely helpful towards our cause by virtue of his co-operation over the use of the Heritage Centre on The Green, where throughout the Spring and Summer months of 1991 he allocated a cabinet and space for the display of artefacts, both loaned and donated by Members and Residents of the Village.

While on the subject of the Heritage Centre, last Autumn we wrote to the Education Liaison Officer attached to Ipswich Museum in the hope that directly or indirectly he could assist us towards obtaining larger display units, through which we may set-up a more extensive area in the room at the rear of the Heritage Centre. We are yet to hear, you will, of course, be kept informed.

The meeting on the 7th., gave us, among other matters, an opportunity to report on the progress of the Group during the first year ending January 22nd., being the date of our inaugural meeting.

In order to clarify the titles we give to certain activities the Co-ordinator explained that:-

The Working Group - is, in effect, The Committee comprising 15 Members, 12 of whom are Founder Members.

Project Groups - comprise a Leader and however many each Leader may decide to recruit into his team. The objective of each Project Group is to study a subject of particular interest to its Members and, through the Leader, report its findings to the Archivist. This activity is open to all Members, all we ask is that we should be informed of your intention, thus avoiding unnecessary duplication; it is quite in order for two Project Groups to research the same or similar subject provided, of course, that they keep each other informed on a regular basis.

Although not yet formed into Groups, those members who have carried out research on their chosen subject were invited to give a brief Project Report.

David Shirreff spoke on the ship H.M.S. Guernsey, originally launched as the State Ship "Basing" from Walberswick Old Quay in 1654. At the Restoration of Charles II in 1660 the Basing was renamed H.M.S. Guernsey, a ship of the line. The present day H.M.S. Guernsey, fifth in line successor to the original, is an Island Class Off Shore vessel, also bearing the name H.M.S. Guernsey.

The ship depicted on the Village Sign on the The Green is the