

THE HERITAGE CIRCLE: BOTESDALE, HINDERCLAY, REDGRAVE AND THE RICKINGHALLS 2020

The Heritage Circle meets in the Rickinghall Village Hall at 7.30pm on the fourth Wednesday every month, except December. At each of these meetings we have a different speaker on a variety of Heritage topics, often on local subjects. We have light refreshments and a raffle at each meeting.

We continue to have an average of 50 members from Botesdale, Redgrave and Rickinghall as well as some members from surrounding villages. We have approximately 40 people who attend the meetings, some of whom are visitors. Due to rising costs we have increased our membership fees to £13-00 and £3.00 for visitors.

We advertise in the Parish magazine, on the website and notice boards throughout the area and we hope that we create a friendly atmosphere that makes our visitors welcome and want to return for subsequent evenings.

In December we had a Christmas social and our speakers were Horry and Sue Parsons who recounted some of their experiences in pantomime which had us all laughing at their antics. It seemed that most of the social events at Christmas were all on the same evening so instead of the usual finger buffet supper we agreed to have 'nibbles' and refreshments and which we, the committee, provided. We also supplied the raffle with prizes. The evening was a great success.

Last year was a difficult one inasmuch as we have been unable to find a new secretary, naturally some of us took on the secretary's work in order to keep the group going. At the AGM our treasurer announced his retirement which proved to be a real problem as treasurers are hard to come by and meant that the Committee would be seriously undermanned! Repeated requests for help from those members who attended the meetings fell on deaf ears.

Inevitably we made the decision that if by April 2020, we could not get more members on the Committee then we would continue until December and then close the Heritage Circle, consequently, in January, at the first group meeting we made the announcement to that effect with an April deadline. Amazingly three members have volunteered their services to join the committee so that it could continue and the Treasurer changed his mind and has decided to continue for now.

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