

**THE HERITAGE CIRCLE: BOTESDALE, HINDERCLAY, REDGRAVE
AND THE RICKINGHALLS 2019**

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.

In December we have a Christmas social when we have a speaker on a light-hearted subject and a finger buffet supper. Last year our speaker was Andrew Stannard who sang Suffolk Folk songs. He was funny, interesting and involved the audience in his presentation.

We didn't have an outing last year and although a trip to Ypres, for September this year, was organised there were insufficient numbers to make it viable.

Once again, in 2018, we linked up with the University of Cambridge's Higher Education Field Academy who organised pupils from King Edward's School, Bury St. Edmunds, to undertake small archaeological digs in various gardens in the villages. Due to cutbacks in funding there may not be a dig this year.

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 £12.00 and £2.50 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.

At the AGM 2018, our secretary, Brenda decided to retire after many years of service to the Heritage Circle. Unfortunately, we have not yet replaced her so we have shared out the many tasks she undertook between us. Hopefully someone will volunteer in the not too distant future.

In the meantime, I, the Chairman, have taken on this job in order that you should have a report from us for your meeting.

Yours,

Margaret Mittins-Ladd

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