

**THE HERITAGE CIRCLE: BOTESDALE, HINDERCLAY, REDGRAVE
AND THE RICKINGHALLS 2017**

The Heritage Circle meets in Rickinghall Village Hall at 7.30pm on the fourth Wednesday of 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 evening when we have a speaker on a light hearted topic and a finger buffet supper. Last Christmas our speaker was David Reeve, a former royal bodyguard, who had some amusing stories to tell.

We try to have one outing a year. Usually this is a one day outing, but last year we organised a very successful three day visit to Bayeux, primarily to see the Bayeux Tapestry.

At present we are linking up with the University of Cambridge's Higher Education Field Academy with a view to them undertaking small archaeological digs in various gardens in the villages. We hope this will take place in May and that they will make some interesting finds.

Most of our members come from Botesdale, Redgrave and Rickinghall, but we also have members from several of the surrounding villages.

At the time of writing, we have 50 members. On average we have about 40 people at each meeting, some of whom are visitors, who are always welcome. Our annual subscription remains unchanged at just £10 for eleven meetings. Visitors are charged £2 per meeting.

We continue to advertise our talks in the Parish Magazine and on notice boards throughout the area. We are a very friendly group and new members and visitors are always welcome. We like to feel that our group can be summed up by the following comment, made by a member at our last A.G.M. "Speaking as one of the members living outside the immediate villages, I am happy to travel to attend this group because of the quality of the speakers and the friendly atmosphere".

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