

## **Local History Recorder's Report for Rickinghall Parish Council for 2022**

Various history-associated events were held during the year. Quatrefoil, the local history group, hosted their History Day in September, called 'Bringing History Alive'. This 'annual' event had not been held for three years due to Covid. This year the theme was 'Memories'. A continuing history project for Quatrefoil is to record memories of people who grew up in the villages in the mid-20th century. Another project is to copy and record as many house deeds as possible. Some deeds are better than others but all add to the history of the house and so add to the history of the village. So please contact me if you have deeds for your house that we can look at and record.

Three events were organized during the year by the Friends of Rickinghall Inferior Church to help raise money for a new roof that is needed in the Chancel. This church is the oldest building in the village, as is the case in many villages in the county. It is a round tower church and it is thought to date from the early 12<sup>th</sup> century so it is important that it is kept in good repair.

The first event was when Roy Tricker gave an amusing talk in May explaining the history of the church and how it developed over the centuries. On a lovely summer evening he took the audience round the outside of the church then finished his talk inside, pointing out various features of the church which help to date it.

The next fundraiser was held in August when the Shakespeare singers, former girl choristers of St Edmundsbury Cathedral and Hexachordia the music group, who play medieval musical instruments, presented a concert in Rickinghall Inferior church.

The third event was organized in October. This was a repeat of the talk called 'The Friendly Invasion', about both the USAAF in Suffolk and the American Hospital in Redgrave Park, during World War II. Many people had not managed to attend it last year as numbers were restricted so it was decided to organize it again.

An exhibition was held by the Museum of Food, formerly the Museum of East Anglian Life, in Rickinghall Village Hall and hosted by The Friends of Rickinghall Inferior church. Extra displays to do with food were arranged by various groups from the villages of Botesdale and Rickinghall.

Many new houses are being built in the villages. Before the developers move in archaeological test pits are dug and during the development, whilst the houses are being built, a watching brief should be carried out in case any important archaeological finds are discovered.

***A Local Village History Recorder is required for Redgrave as Jean Sheehan has retired from the post. If anyone is interested in this position please contact Jean or me and we can explain what it entails. (Phone numbers are in the Parish Magazine)***

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