

Minutes of Carbrooke Heritage Group
21st January 2015. 7pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Angela Weatherill, David Saunders, Tom and Ros Thurston, David and Jenny Saunders, Rita & John Philpin, Jeff Burbidge.

Apologies: Helen Riley.

WW1 Research

On 27th January at Wayland Heritage Group Julia Grover will be giving a talk on the impact of WW1 on farming, particularly on the harvest. Perhaps she would also do a talk for us.

On November 14/15th at Watton Sports Centre. Wayland Heritage Group are putting on a WW1 Exhibition, and have invited us to take part with any of our findings – (which have not been many!)

We chatted generally on a number of subjects;

David Saunders remembers Walter Goldsmith, who was something of a character!

The field on Mill Lane was known as 'Steels 8 Acres'.

Tom has been to Carbrooke foundry and has been lent a newspaper cutting from 1949 of its history, but there is very little information relating to WW1. They possibly employed around 12 persons.

David Saunders related a couple of amusing stories of Lesley Mahler,

Old ploughing implements were being discussed, and the time Lesley, whilst ploughing the field which is now the Millennium Green, ploughed his jacket into the ground. He couldn't see where it had gone, but managed to retrieve it the following year, when it reappeared. He shook the mud off and put it back on!

The same man also lost his false teeth whilst ploughing a field on Drury Lane. When they reappeared the following year, they were given a quick rinse and put back in his mouth!

These little tales add character to village people and life, and enjoy hearing about them, perhaps we will be able to put them together in the future, as a local publication.

Angela is interested in researching the effect of WW1 on old Carbrooke families/ names.

We hope to speak to Enid Clarke, Derek Watts, Vince Read, Brian Smith, David Saunders for Carbrooke memories.

Jeff has found a number of interesting snippets from old newspapers and printed them off.

We are still hoping to erect an interpretation board, and need to decide what information to put on it.

We could also produce 'circular walk' leaflets, as we have a number of circular walks in the village.

40 years ago Ros bought an old map of Norfolk for £1, she noticed a similar map on a historical TV program recently, and has arranged to take it to Aylsham salerooms to find out more about it!

The church has been contacted by Geo-cache, an organisation who 'hide treasures' in different places of interest around the world. Clues are set up online for people to find the treasure, and leave a little gift too. We are happy to have one set up in the church yard.

Next meeting Wednesday 18th March, 7pm in the Village Hall committee room.

Discussion points for 18th March

WW1 research ongoing

Project suggestions for the year.

Letter from June Collingwood.

Future Events