

March 2022

Report for the Annual Parish Meeting

The Heritage Circle meets in the Rickinghall Village Hall at 7pm pm on the fourth Wednesday every month, except in December when we have a social evening for members and their friends and families. This includes a speaker and refreshments At each of these meetings we have a different speaker and on a variety of history topics as well as local subjects. At each meeting we also have refreshments and a raffle.

When we came out of lock down in 2021 we were able to book three speakers for October, November and December and we were pleasantly surprised at the number of people who came out to support us. However we did not have a social evening as in the past instead we had mincepies and sausage rolls and tea or coffee which the Committee generously provided

Due to rising costs we have increased our membership fees to £15 for members and £3 for visitors for this year. Throughout Covid19 we have maintained contact with our members, either by phone, email or post and although our numbers are less than they were pre Covid, we are hoping that we will not have to close due to lack of funds.

Our committee has nine members who are keen to keep the Heritage Circle running for as long as possible and to that ends have now undertaken some of the tasks that hitherto were given to outside agencies, such as the printing of posters, programmes, etc. in order to cut costs.

Finally, whilst being mindful of government guidelines, we have booked speakers for all of this year including a 'special event' on October 26 when Charlie Haylock, dialect coach for Ralph Fiennes in the movie, 'The Dig', will be our speaker.

This event will be open to both members and non-members and it will be a ticket event. We are giving priority to our members first and then offering the tickets to the public. We are making a small charge for the tickets; £3 for members and £5 for non-members as it will help to offset the costs of this event.

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