

WORLINGWORTH LHG ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Another interesting year of talks and newsletter articles. The work of the Group continues with another two new additions to our committee. The Painting Project has made further progress in the hands of the Suffolk Napoleonic Volunteers Painting Trust with less than £5,000 now needed to complete the financing.

The Group contributed to the Organ Fund in a significant way.

The talks at our Quarterly Meetings were about:

May 2023 Barnardo's Foster Children in Suffolk 1890-1950 (Dr Peter Davidson)

Aug 2023 Parish Fire Engines and their Development (Geoffrey Robinson)

Nov 2023 The Britten/Pears Archive at Aldeburgh (Christopher Hilton)

Feb 2024 Doodlebugs and Rockets in WW2 (John Bridges)

We contributed to the successful Churchyard Maintenance Day on May 8th and discovered a Queen Elizabeth I silver sixpence underneath the old cinder path at the western end of the church. Afterwards, we had a picnic and Geoff gave a talk about the Preston family.

Amongst our quarterly newsletter articles were:

The Parish Fire Engine

Medieval Worlingworth and its Account Rolls

The Year 1899

The Great Storm of 1916

James Ashford – Governor of the Parish Poorhouse 1823

The 1921 Census for Worlingworth

Perhaps the most exciting development of the year was the renovation of the parish fire engine being taken on by the BBC's The Repair Shop. The old relic survived its return journey to West Sussex and came back looking brand new – well brand new in 1760. The 2023 series of The Repair Shop has just begun and so we look forward to our ten minutes in the limelight. We are considering demonstrations of the fire engine later this summer.

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