

WORLINGWORTH LHG ANNUAL REPORT 2016/2017

The previous twelve months for the History Group have again been very active and interesting. The second volume of Past & Present In Photographs was published in October. Members have been transcribing the School Log Book from 1874 to 1911.

Display boards have been designed and purchased, the final one which I have here about the Cart Colt Shows in the 1880s, forerunner to the Framlingham Horse Show.

We put displays on at the SLHC Societies Day Exhibition at Elmswell in March.

We have representation on a Steering Group, developing the Mapping Suffolk's Stories project as part of the HLF funding application for THE HOLD, the new Archives Centre in Ipswich.

The Group enjoyed its annual outing in October, which went to Laxfield, taking in the church, the chapel, the museum and the Royal Oak. We were very well looked after by the Laxfield Museum trustees.

List of Speakers:

Feb 2016 Flora Sandes - Janette Robinson

May 2016 British Medals of WW1 - Dave Empson

Aug 2016 Commerce on Shop Street- Geoffrey Robinson

Nov 2016 The Great Exhibition 1851 - Geoffrey Kay

Feb 2017 Portrait of A Suffolk Village - Gerald Jenkins

The clay pot that we travelled to Tavistock to buy and collect - here it is. A pot that probably saw service in the village shop in the 1790s. That's the shop which is today called "The School House". That was where the RAY family maintained their grocery/drapery/wine/spirits business from the late 17th century until the 1830s.

Our quarterly newsletter has featured articles about

SHOP ST IN THE 1700s

DAVID COLLINS, THE CELEBRATED BELLRINGER

THE TRAGIC DEATH OF THE SCHOOLMASTER in 1860

WORLINGWORTH CART COLT SHOWS 1879-1883

The great uncertainty about local history research was never better illustrated two weeks ago when our latest visitor, who came from Utah in the USA, explained how her ggt grandfather had joined the Mormon church in London and emigrated – he was a shoemaker, Samuel Bush, born on Fingal Street in 1821.