

Report on the History Society AGM and talk by Christopher Davidge

The AGM of the Houghtons and Brafield Local History Society was held in the village hall and completed all the normal business as follows:

- The Chair, Rosie Heath, gave an overview of the events of the past year and the changes planned for next year. The group has now grown to a very loyal and supportive 71 members with a significant number attending each meeting.
- The re-election of committee members was followed by a small presentation to Jennie Baillon in appreciation of her retirement from the committee after long service in preparation of refreshments
- Flowers were presented to 2 of our more senior lady members, Margaret Irons and Barbara Carpenter to mark their 90th birthdays
- The business part of the meeting was concluded by an excellent short talk by Christopher Davidge on Little Houghton.

Then followed the very enjoyable and delicious 3 course meal and several members, too numerous to mention, kindly provided salads and puddings. Thank you all for making it such an excellent occasion and providing this essential support.

Please note:

The programme for 2011-2012 was discussed and circulated. The pleasant problem facing the committee was that of choosing from such a wide range of excellent speakers covering Roman times, medieval period, Victorian Northampton, World War 2, architecture, local families, photographs etc. Too many speakers – too little time! Also members had commented that they missed the social contact during the summer months and so decisions were made re changes in schedule, details below.

Meetings:

- will be co-ordinated with the Cogenhoe Heritage Group meetings which are held on the 2nd Wed each month.
- will **no longer be held on the 2nd Wednesday** of the month at Little Houghton but will be held on the **4th Wednesday at 8pm.**
- will not cease in the summer but will continue each month throughout the year.

As a result members can choose from 24 different speakers each year by joining/visiting both groups or 12 if you stay with the Houghtons and Brafield Society.

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PS Next meeting Wed 22 JUNE at the usual time of 8pm. Remember no summer closedown.