

FRIENDS OF DISS MUSEUM

Memories of Diss

A Shopkeeper's Tale

Derek Potter has lived in Diss all his life and started running the general stores on Fair Green in the 1960's.

Come along to hear his personal recollections of life in Diss.



Friday 20th April, 7.30 pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Mount Street, Diss IP22 4QQ
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AGM to be followed by

The R34 Adventure – Work in Progress



Museum manager Basil Abbott gives a report on his work so far for next year's airship centenary. The R34 did the first double airborne crossing of the Atlantic and came back to Pulham.

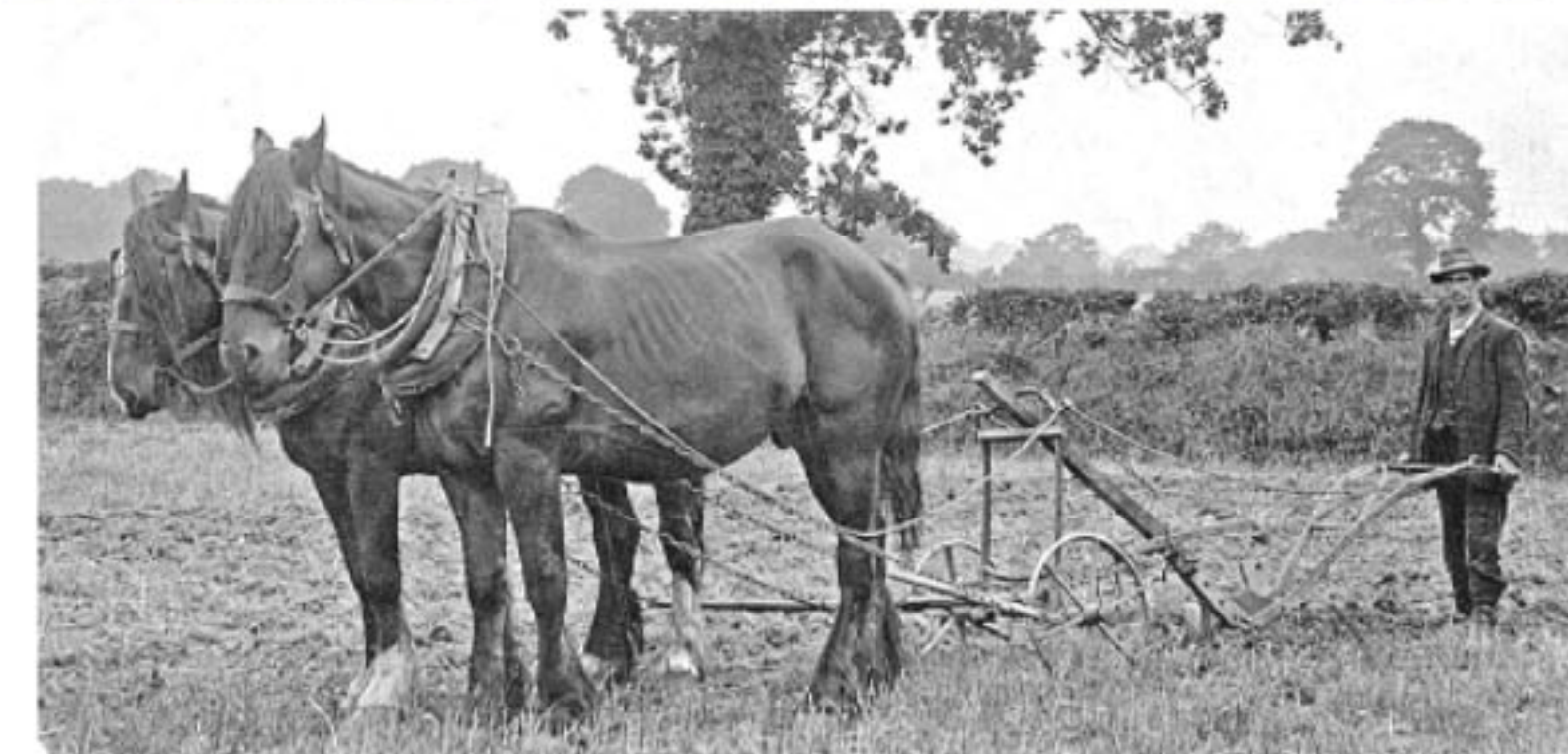
Friday 18 May, 7.30 pm

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FARMING IN THE PAST



HOW THE LAND WAS WORKED BY OUR FOREBEARS IN EAST ANGLIA

Philip West's illustrated talk will centre on changes in farming in north Norfolk prior to & after mechanisation.

Philip deals with the general farming processes to include soil preparation, harvesting of crops and in the case of grain: milling, malting & export from north Norfolk ports. He draws on personal experiences as a *bolgee boy* growing up in a farming community of his home village of Hindringham in the 50's & 60's and resultant changes to village life following the huge reduction in the agricultural labour force.

Friday 15 June, 7.30 pm

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World War One in East Anglia



A delve into the social history of the Home Front in WW1 by Jonathan Dutton

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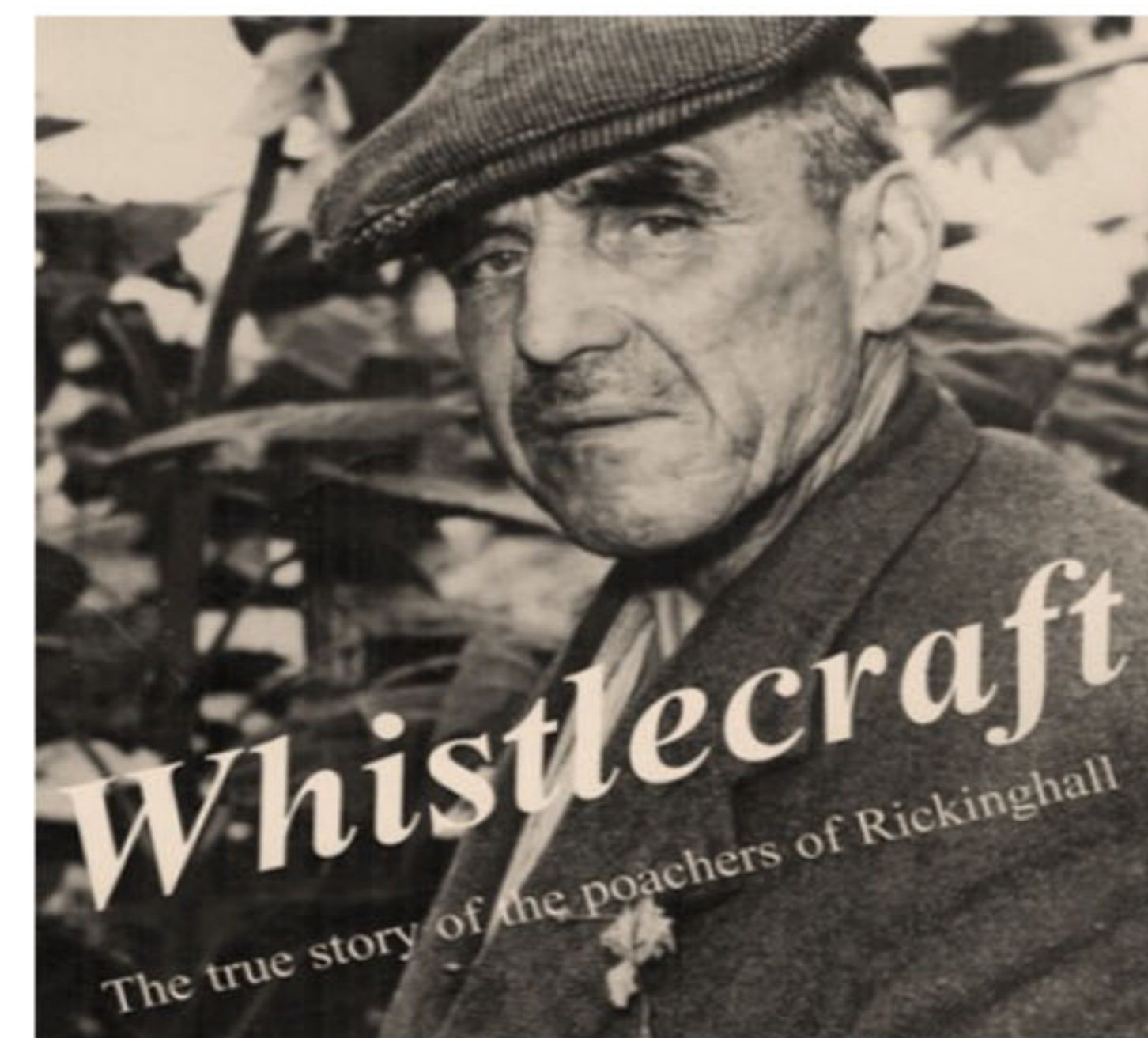
Linda Pargeter a Trustee of the Wherry Maud Trust will be telling us the interesting account of Maud's restoration following her rescue from a watery grave in Ranworth Broad in 1981. We will find out about Maud's working life and owners from when she was built in 1899 up to date. It took 18 years to restore Maud the Norfolk Trading Wherry and she is now a fully restored graceful sailing vessel.

Friday 17 August, 7.30 pm

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Come and hear author Pip Wright recount the fascinating story of Joe Whistlecraft, convicted over a hundred times, mainly for poaching, but fondly remembered by many who knew him in Rickingham & Hinderclay.

This is the true story of a man who regarded regular imprisonment as little more than an occupational hazard.

Friday 21 September, 7.30 pm

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BOUND FOR VAN DIEMEN'S LAND

The tragic story of Alfred Tallent of Hoxne
An illustrated talk by Chris Johnson



Alfred Tallent was a grocer and draper with Norfolk and Suffolk connections. He took to a life of swindling and fraud all over East Anglia and London, acquiring stock for his businesses. Falling foul of the law on two occasions, he ended up being transported to the feared Norfolk Island.

Friday 19 October, 7.30 pm

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Quiz Night



Our annual joist of the intellectual titans with free mince pies.

Join us for our annual celebration quiz night - prizes for the winners and mince pies for all. No need to register, or bring a team, just come along.

Light refreshments available, but you are welcome to bring along your own drinks and nibbles.

Friday 16th November, 7.30 pm

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T E Lawrence & the Red Sea Patrol: *The Royal Navy's role in creating the legend*



Following extensive and detailed research into the activities of the ships of the Red Sea Patrol, our guest speaker, John Johnson Allen, a maritime historian and former Merchant Navy officer, will explain how it has become evident that, without the work of those ships, the Arab revolt would have failed and T E Lawrence would have remained an obscure officer in the military bureaucracy of Cairo.

Lawrence was very aware of the importance and relevance of the Royal Navy in their operations in the Red Sea and commented on it on many occasions. Until now, nobody has investigated this angle in any detail; John will give us a fresh dimension to the Lawrence of Arabia legend.

Friday 21 December, 7.30 pm

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