

CODDENHAM VILLAGE HISTORY CLUB

For obvious reasons it has been a quiet year for the CVHC. We began our full programme of events on February 18th, 2020 with an excellent talk by Pip Wright on the transportation of convicts from Suffolk 1787 to 1867. Unfortunately, by the time of our next talk on March 17th it had become apparent that Covid-19 was rapidly making its way toward us and we took the precaution of postponing all events and await safer times. Sadly, more than a year later, we are still waiting!

In the end all of our subsequent talks were cancelled and planned visits to Sutton Hoo and the Mid-Suffolk Railway Museum were also put off for another year.

We toyed with the idea of virtual talks via computer but this received only minor traction among the members. The committee, however, has kept in contact via Zoom meetings and we await the time when we can again safely meet as a club and continue our usual activities.

The one bright spot has been the success of the CVHC webpages which, we are pleased to see, has attracted a growing internet following from both residents and also the wider world. One of the latter is the prestigious Amherst College in Massachusetts that was interested in our information on Balthazar Gardemau as part of their researches in his wife Catherine.

Our eventual aim is to digitise our archive and make it available to interested parties, whether current or past residents, or other research bodies

Ray Collins, Chairman