

THE BOOK OF HINDRINGHAM

Hindringham History Group

Few villages can boast a more imposing church than Hindringham. St Martin's tower, at 84 feet high and standing 200 feet above sea level, can be seen from miles around, and dominates the village. The village hall, the old school, the beautiful barns of Church Farm and St Martin's standing proud on Church Hill is the picture in most people's minds whenever they think of Hindringham.

Nestling in central North Norfolk, the village of Hindringham is about four miles from the coast and equidistant from Fakenham, Wells-next-the-Sea and Holt. By Norfolk standards, the parish is very large, covering 3,314 acres of prime agricultural land on which the local economy was founded. Since 1940, the village has changed dramatically with the construction of many new dwellings and the disappearance of the mills, shops and pubs. The village has long been known for its sporting prowess and many can still recall the dances in the village hall that people came from miles around to enjoy. Over and above all this, it's the people and their shared memories that make up a village and bring it to life. These are just some of the things that the History Group has aimed to capture in *The Book of Hindringham*.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Founded in 2002, the Hindringham History Group staged a History weekend in the village as part of the ongoing fund-raising efforts for the Millennium Committee project. Not only was the History Event an overwhelming success, but it had the added advantage of bringing the community together. Building on this success, the group held an even more ambitious History Event this time for one week in 2006. In *The Book of Hindringham*, the History Group sets down in permanent form some of the information and photographs amassed for these two events, for everyone to keep and enjoy.

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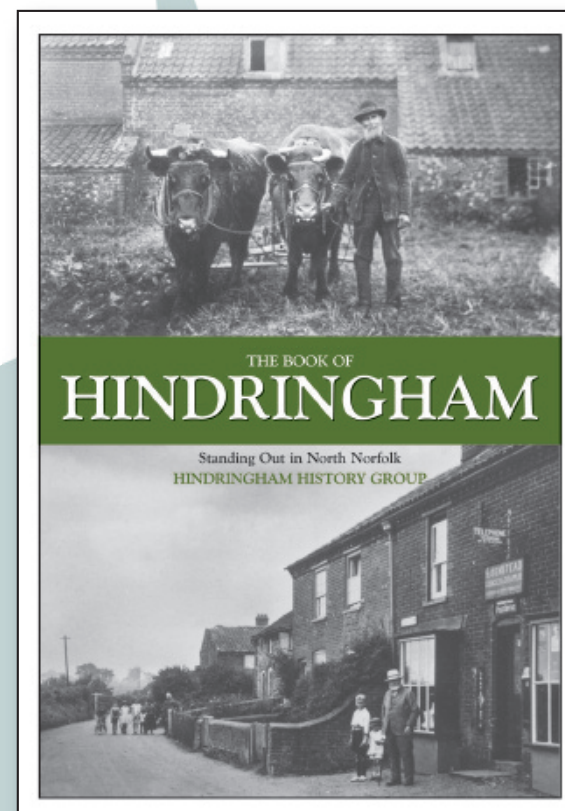
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