

Beckingham cum Saundby

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Beckingham cum Saundby History Group

Annual Open Event 2017



This year the History Group did something a little different for their Annual Open Event. It was a ticket only event taking place on the afternoon of Saturday 9th September with a guest speaker followed by a traditional afternoon tea held in their honour. Local renowned author Margaret Dickinson had kindly accepted an invitation to come and give a talk about her writing.



This proved most interesting and entertaining as she explained how ideas developed for some of the stories behind her many books. The way she does her research for each story and character was fascinating and her capacity for remembering details is quite remarkable.

Margaret spent the first 7 years of her life living in this area before moving to the Lincolnshire coast. Her first book was published at the age of 25 since when she has written many more.



Currently she is writing a trilogy already having completed the first book, "The Poppy Girls", due to be released early next year. Her books are very popular with the stories featuring much about the local area. Many of them were on display for this event giving people the opportunity to purchase one if they wished to do so.



This was followed by a delicious traditional afternoon tea, consisting of different flavoured sandwiches, scones, fancy little cakes and sponge cakes plus plum bread and cheese. All made and provided by the group members and local residents, along with plenty of tea and coffee.

Group members had also gathered together assorted collections of beautiful fine china on which to serve the food, all attractively set out on tables laid with crisp white embroidered tablecloths.



The meal was served by four young ladies, Kate, Kelly, Abby and Amelia, three of whom had never done anything like that before, but all did the job brilliantly, organised by Jane and Lyndsey. After the meal Margaret did some book signing, for which there was quite a queue! The History Groups chair Freda Proudley presented our special guest with a beautiful arrangement of flowers as a thank you. This was followed by a draw for two numbered tickets each winning a prize of one of Margaret Dickinson's books, signed, which she donated.

Throughout the event there was also a small display of some of the many photographs of the village held by the History Group for people to view. 70 people attended, not put off by the wet weather. A great deal of hard work and effort went into the preparation of the event and sincere thanks go to all those involved and who helped on the day making it such a great success. Of course, a special thank you goes to Margaret Dickinson and her husband Dennis, who travelled all the way from Leicester where they now live and for making the afternoon so enjoyable.

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