

History Group



Meeting of the History Group, Tuesday 21st August 2108.

Barbara Spybey gave a short talk on two murders in Warsop, Samuel Fell Wilson at Warsop Windmill in 1930 and George Arthur Meakin, the Head Master at Warsop Vale School in 1937

The murder of Samuel Fell Wilson was never solved. Owen Meakin the son of George Meakin was found guilty with mitigating circumstances and only served 9 months of a one year sentence. He was never seen in Warsop Vale again.

Barbara then gave a presentation on King Johns Palace prior to the groups visit.

Visit by the History Group to King Johns Palace, Kings Clipstone, Tuesday 21st August.

On arriving at the site we were met by Mrs Mickey Bradley the owner of the Farm and Palace site. Mickey is very enthusiastic about the whole Sherwood Forest area and its place in history. It was used far more by our medieval monarchs than previously thought. They not only came to hunt here but held Parliaments and hosted Kings from other nations. The Palace itself was just that a Palace not a hunting lodge or small villa but a large complex. There was stabling for 300 horses, just imagine how many people would be involved in looking after the horses and riders, the accommodation required, food etc. So it is a site of national importance.



At present the dig is being undertaken by Mercian Archaeological Society and is being filmed by Channel 5 TV for broadcasting in the near future. Mickey talked about the "Time Team Dig" and showed us some of their findings which included a carved stone ladies hand which she thought could have be part of a window decoration.

The members and the Palace ruins, these are just the infill rubble walls all the dressed stone has been robbed! It is thought that the palace was at least three stories high.

