



## **Sitwell Society Newsletter Number Nine.**

At the Annual General meeting held on the 10th of July 2013 it was agreed that we would stop being a constituted group. We were originally constituted to facilitate fund raising efforts but as we now longer wish to make formal applications to funding bodies we agreed that it would be better if the Society reverted to our original status as this would remove onerous annual obligations created by our constitution.

**However this does NOT mean that the Sitwell Society has finished. In fact the next meeting will be on July 20th. The study group is working on cataloguing the Woodend Sitwell book collection and the session starts at 10.30am prompt. This is a most enjoyable opportunity to take the books out of the bookcases; the inscriptions and annotations in the books are particularly fascinating.**

### **Past activities**

**In September each year we have had an exhibition in the Sitwell Library for Heritage Open Days**

**July 2009** First AGM adopted the constitution

**October 2009** James Bantoft introducing the writing of Osbert Sitwell with readings by members of the Scarborough Poetry Workshop.

**April 2010** 'The Sitwells at home with the family'. As part of the Scarborough Literature Festival Guided by James Bantoft with readings by members of the Scarborough Poetry Workshop.

**June 2010** AGM and a talk 'Scarborough and the Sitwells' by James Bantoft.

**October 2010** In conjunction with the Scarborough Film Society a showing of 'A Place of One's Own'. A film based on a short story by Osbert.

**June 2011** AGM & a Victorian Evening . Lady Louisa Sitwell in conversation with Dr. Dale. Summer 1888. Presented by James Bantoft with readings by members of the Scarborough Poetry Workshop.

**September 2011** 'EDITH FACE to FACE' The evening consisted of a brief introduction to Edith's life and the showing of the John Freeman interview with Dame Edith Sitwell.

**April 2012** Scarborough Literature Festival Fringe event: Sitwell themed walk and readings by James Bantoft, Karen Snowden and Chris Perry at Woodend.

**June 2012** AGM and KATE EVANS read the parts of Edith's poetry which inspired her to write, and explain why she thinks Edith is still relevant and inspirational to today's poets plus '*Words in My Head*'

**September 2012** there was an event to celebrate Edith Sitwell's 125<sup>th</sup> birthday. This was organised by Tim Tubbs who gave a stunning rendition of Edith's poems from "Façade" accompanied by William Walton's music.

**April 2013** As part of Scarborough Literature Festival William Sitwell, great-nephew of Dame Edith Sitwell, gave a talk on his illustrious forebears. He also gave a talk about his book "A history of food in 100 recipes".

**Study Group Meetings:** September 2012, November 2012, February 2013, March 2013, May 2013