**Beck Isle Museum**

**Illustrated Talks**

At present we offer two illustrated talks focusing on local history. The museum has an extensive and fascinating archive of images from Pickering and the local area which are used to illustrate our talks. We are particularly fortunate to hold the archive of Sydney Smith and his wife Maud who

were photographers in Pickering from the early 1900’s to Sydney’s retirement in 1956. Their captivating images of local people and places feature in both talks.

**Pickering’s Past**

Drawing on the Sydney Smith collection this talk focuses on life in Pickering in the first half of the 20th century.

**Villages & People**

A fascinating talk about life in the villages around Pickering and the characters who lived there, in the first half of the 20th century.

The above talks are suitable for general groups with an interest in the history and development of Pickering and surrounding district and last approximately one hour. We can visit your group and if necessary, bring our own digital projector and screen.

The cost of the talk is £50 for the first 20 people and £1 per person after that.

If the venue for the talk is beyond a 10-mile radius of Pickering, we will also need to add mileage at 45p per mile for the journey from Pickering to the venue and return.

**Behind the Scenes at the Museum**

Beck Isle Museum has over 50,000 objects in its care. Take a step behind the scenes to find out how we catalogue, care for and display our objects. This session involves handling objects.

**Walk and Talk – Pickering Guided Walks**

From the Ice Age to the Modern Age!  
Join us on a guided walk to explore the hidden history of this thriving market town. Discover historic buildings, famous landmarks and royal connections and learn about the notable people who shaped the town.

The walk starts at Beck Isle Museum and finishes at the North Yorkshire Moors Railway Station. The route is approximately one mile and will take in amongst other sights the Market Place, Church and Castle. Please note there is a slight gradient and some steps. The tour lasts approximately an hour and is suitable for groups of up to 12 people. £6pp minimum number 6

If you would like to book a talk or need further information please contact Michala Pearson [opsmanager@beckislemuseum.org.uk](mailto:opsmanager@beckislemuseum.org.uk) or call 01751473653

**The funds raised by talks go directly to support Beck Isle Museum, which receives no regular funding. Every year the Museum needs to raise enough money to cover its running costs and to maintain and conserve our extensive collection of documents and items reflecting life in Pickering in days gone by. We thank you in advance for supporting the museum.**

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