

The Lancashire Society host the 2nd National Dialect Day

The second National Dialect day was held in the Parish Community Centre at Euxton near Chorley on Saturday 16th October 2010. After an introduction to the day by Sid Calderbank



armed with a cup of tea (right), he introduced our keynote speaker - Professor Paul Kerswill (left) who gave a fascinating talk about 'London's multicultural Cockney: the new voice of the nation?' This provoked a barrage of questions and thoughts from the audience during and at the end of the talk.



Paul was thanked for doing the talk for us, and then was invited to help judge the competition over the next few hours!

The three competitions went really well: In all there were sixteen entrants in the three competitions who came from as far afield as Durham, East Lincolnshire, Cumbria, Black Country and Devon as well as Lancashire. All three trophies were keenly contested and the amount of time the judges spent in their deliberations (right) was a testament to the high standard of all the works and performances.



The names of all the contestants taking part were as follows (Lancashire unless noted otherwise):

Ron Williams (Saddleworth), Les Bond, Frank Gibson, Dave Reader (Black Country), Jean Scott-smith (Cumbria), Ted Relph (Cumbria), John Bartley (Sheffield), Dorothy Fryman, John Routledge (Durham), Jane and Amanda Threlfall, Jim Causley (Devon), Sally James, Keith Scowcroft, Sid Calderbank, Andy Robinson (East Lincolnshire), Peter Makinder (East Lincolnshire)

The panel of judges were Paul Kerswill, Jack Crawford, Brian Foster, Alan Mumby and Andy Hindley and the results of their deliberations along with photographs of the winners are below.

The Bill o'Bowes Trophy for self-composition in any English dialect was the first trophy to be contested and this was awarded to Dave Reader from the Black Country with Frank Gibson and Jean Scott-Smith running closely behind in 2nd and 3rd places respectively.



The Samuel Laycock trophy for writing in the Lancashire dialect was awarded to Sid Calderbank for his account of a trip down to Louth, with Frank Gibson, again, coming in second place and Sally James coming in third place.



The Eddie Topping trophy for dialect performance for any dialect was also awarded to Sid Calderbank for his performance of "Warrikin Fair", with Dave Reader and Jean Scott-Smith running a close second and third.



All entrants were commended by the judging panel who had a difficult time choosing a winner!

In the evening there was a concert, which included many of the performers, including Trio Threlfall, and Jim Causley, all of whom had entered the competition. Everyone had a really good evening and everybody finished the day tired but happy that the event had gone so well.

The Society would like to thank Geoff and Lindsay Smith, Pam Routledge, Rachel Calderbank and Andy Hindley who all provided valuable help during the day.

We are hoping that next year the competition will be hosted by the East Lincolnshire 'Far-Weltered' dialect society - we will let you know nearer the time.

Thank you again

Barbara Hindley
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