

Meet The Author

On Saturday 19th September Wickhambrook WI held a literary event to meet Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton who talked about his debut novel “**Beyond The Edge Of Light**”.

Jamie has had an interesting and varied career serving in the British army for twenty years, first in the Irish Guards and later as a squadron commander in the SAS. He has also worked for several educational charities. For ten years, until 2014, he was the principal private secretary to Princes William and Harry and, latterly, Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge. He divides his time now between the corporate sector and supporting charities focussed on veterans’ welfare, the promotion of teachers globally and the HALO Trust. He lives in East Suffolk with his wife and family.

“Beyond The Edge Of Light” is a love story set during the time of the Second World War. Two young people from opposing worlds meet and fall in love but circumstances intervene to keep them apart. At the start of the novel Charlie is visiting his grandmother in a care home. He has brought a bag of letters and postcards which stirs something in Missie. She sends Charlie to retrieve a box file filled with more letters, dusty and brittle with age. Hidden within is the story of Julia (Missie) Ormesby and Conrad Von Echlau. The young couple are separated by the outbreak of the war and each serves their respective country in their own way. Missie ends up working at Bletchley decoding crucial messages from the enemy. Conrad enlists in the German Luftwaffe. Their paths eventually cross after a disastrous German attack on Bawdsey on the East England coast. Most of Conrad’s fellow crewmen, including his younger brother, Reinhard, are killed in a massacre. Conrad is distraught at not being able to save his brother. Conrad and Missie come face to face in an interrogation room and silently vow not to give each other away. Paget, the British interrogator has suspicions as to Conrad’s true identity and Missie is put in a heart-breaking predicament. In the end she is forced to choose between love or loyalty, Conrad or betrayal!

After an interesting question and answer session refreshments of tea, coffee and homemade cakes were served and Jamie signed copies of his book for people who wished to buy them.



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