

SPILSBY & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

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Hello everyone. Hope you remembered to put your clocks forward?

At our March meeting Raymond Glynn-Owen's illustrated talk on RAF Spilsby at War, with some press pre-publicity, drew additional attendees. The many excellent historic photos he showed gave all those present an insight about the important role that our local airfield played in the last war and into various incidents involving the many, men and women and from both the UK and overseas, who served there, either as aircrew and as members of the great number of ground support staff.

The local Standard newspaper has picked up on the story and is now running a series of feature articles on RAF Spilsby over the coming weeks, for which Raymond has provided from his extensive archive collection a range of photos and written material which should be of interest to the local community. As our new Chair, Raymond's historic "bent" and researching experience will be invaluable for our wider local historic interests and projects and we are really looking forward to benefiting from these.

Our next meeting, on **Friday 7th April**, will be "**Old Stories and Songs of Lincolnshire**" by Keith, Jano and Katie. This will be an entertaining evening, so don't be late - 7.30pm as usual at the Franklin Hall.

Father Peter Coates' successful MTI bid has enabled us to buy both a new computer and a video recorder. This means that in future those of you who have volunteered to be interviewed for our Oral History project can have this done at home if you prefer. This will also enable us to be more flexible on dates and times: we are aware that many could not make Tuesdays as we had originally programmed. Additional contributors will be most welcome: please contact a member of the committee if you would like to be involved.

The Oral History Project with King Edward VI Humanities College that we are supporting is progressing well and they look forward to showing you the early results at our **Open Day**, which will be held on **Saturday 16th September** at the Franklin Hall. PLUS: Lincs Radio have just indicated that they will be bringing their Bus along to our Open Day, so more on this at our next meeting.

Maisie Swards, the fountain of local knowledge, is already our unsung star. As many of you already know, working diligently in the background she has already produced some wonderful displays of historic photographs for us. Now guess what: Maisie has been invited to lead some walking tours of Spilsby! We are hoping to persuade her to let us record one or more of these, so again watch this space for more information and dates.