

# SPILSBY & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

## Newsletter - APRIL 2006

Hi Everyone!

Our meeting this coming **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May**, will be a wee bit different, as we will be entertained with *Old Stories and Songs of Lincolnshire* by “**Keef, Jano and Katie**”. [Alas, no prize for guessing who’s hidden behind the beard !] Again a most interesting evening is in prospect, so don’t be late – prompt 7.30pm start, in the Franklin Hall as usual.

Last month Keith and Ruth Sanders had us all enthralled when they gave an excellent talk illustrating the background on how they established and run the Heavy Horse Centre at Great Steeping. Their voluntary commitment to this unique establishment shone through and all present enjoyed their stories of the trials and tribulations of looking after their retired working horses.

Our successful MTI bid through Father Peter Coates has, as we reported last month, enabled us to buy both a new computer and a CamCorder. We are looking for volunteers to be interviewed for our Oral History project, which can have this done in your home if you prefer and at flexible times and dates. Without doubt most of you will have local interest tales to relate and the process is quite painless, so do please speak to a member of the committee and become involved in what is after all an important part in preserving our local history.

A number of organisations and others have already expressed keen interest in attending and supporting our **Open Day**, to be held on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 10.30 am to 4.30pm** at the Franklin Hall. *Do now put this day in your diary.* Lincolnshire Radio have indicated they will bring their Bus along, and along with the many other interesting activities, we hope to feature local family history, with Census computer access made available as well as displaying early examples of the Oral History project.

A final reminder that the Horncastle Branch of Lincolnshire Family History Society will at their meeting on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm have as their Speaker Richard Thornton, who will be talking about DNA & Family History. Did you know there is a Quaker Family History Society? Find out more at [www.qfhs.co.uk](http://www.qfhs.co.uk)

Do let us have our contributions, such as news and reports of local history activities, for what is after all YOUR Newsletter.