

# SPILSBY & DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

## Newsletter - May 2007

**Hi Everyone.**

*In a departure from the usual format, our next meeting, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, will take the form of a "Spilsby Walkabout"!*

*Maisie Swards will be our "pied piper" and will be giving a short guided tour of Historic Spilsby. The "walkabout" will take the form of a gentle amble around the town, lasting about an hour, with frequent stops to learn about local connections and history from Maisie.*

*As the Franklin Hall is double-booked and so not available to us for this meeting, we will start from the Centre of Excellence (The Spilsby Grammar School building opposite the Parish Church) at 7 p.m., (i.e., half an hour earlier than our usual meeting start time.)*

*After the walkout everyone returns to the Centre of Excellence for refreshments and a questions/comments session.*

**Just to repeat: please note the change of time and venue for this meeting:**

**7pm at the Centre of Excellence.**

With Easter and the Daffodil Society weekend precluding use of the Franklin Hall for our April meeting, the enforced change of venue gave the opportunity for us to try out the facilities at the Centre of Excellence, and your Committee felt that they proved excellent, (although the fact that tea, coffee & biscuits were included in the cost may perhaps be unduly influencing our judgement!)

In the event, the really good attendance was rewarded by Guest Speaker Jean Burton's excellent and fascinating talk on Sir Joseph Banks. We are now corporately supporting the newly-formed Sir Joseph Banks Society and looking forward to their future events. If you wish to join the Society personally, their leaflet can be obtained at Spilsby Library.

During the talk we learned that Sir Joseph Banks is buried in St Leonard's Church at Heston, Middlesex, and Janet Gordon and Joan Beards will now be visiting the church at the end of July whilst they are in the area. Janet has already made arrangements for them to meet the church Archivist and Joan will take photos, so we will say more on their visit in our next Newsletter.

On the morning of Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April we held a Table Top Sale at the Methodist Hall, and raised over £55. Many thanks to those of you who helped by generously donated items for sale and especially to Joyce Motley for the idea and her help on the day, and the support from our helpers: Jean Woodward: Janet Gordon: Glenys Warner: and Kathie Glynne-Owen. This was our first try as holding such an event and as it proved to be a "useful little earner" for our funds we are minded to do a repeat again later in the year.

Our May meeting, again well-attended, saw us returning to the Franklin Hall, where your Chairman, Raymond Glynn-Owen, gave an illustrated talk on RAF Spilsby, updating that given a year ago, with a focus and emphasis this time on local facilities use by the wartime service personnel and “then and now” pictures.

Our next meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> will see us back again at the Franklin Hall for an excellent Speaker. Richard Thornton, who will give a talk on Family History DNA Testing, a fascinating topic now often referred to on TV, etc. Our meeting start time will revert to the normal 7.30 p.m.

### *Family History in Lincolnshire*

A free leaflet all about Family History is available in all Lincolnshire Libraries and also gives a full list of the available resources.

Internet access to the popular Ancestry website is also available in local libraries for up to two hours totally free. Printouts are charged at 10p each. You can also access the Mormon Family Search site too. For those of you who do not have a computer or Internet access this is an excellent way to get started on your family history. For those who might like to get help to get started, do contact Janet Gordon.

### *Are you on E-mail?*

With postage costs rising your Committee has discussed whether it would be an option for our members who have Internet to receive their Newsletters by e-mail. So we can gauge the feasibility, could I ask those of you who have Internet to send me a brief e-mail and let me know whether you would like to have Newsletters by e-mail or not?

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