



SPILSBY + DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

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2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Despite the inclement weather on the night the Annual General Meeting seems to have gone well and was followed by a most interesting illustrated talk by Garry Brown, which it seemed everyone found most enjoyable. No doubt members now have in mind to visit the site of Sempringham Abbey later this year when the weather has improved!

Our sincere thanks to those able to attend: following Members' approval of their recommendations, your committee will now incorporate the office of Honorary President in the Society's Constitution and are implementing the revised annual membership costs as approved of £6 single and £10 joint, and meeting charges of £1.50 for members and £2.50 for visitors, which remains good value.

Having relinquished the post of Treasurer, Maisie Swards was unanimously voted as our first Hon. President, reflecting appreciation of her 30+ years engagement in the Society and being our Treasurer for so many years. Raymond Glynn-Owen and Canon Peter Coates continue as our Chairman and Vice-Chairman and Jean Woodward and Janet Gordon were also re-elected to the Committee. Freda Sykes stood down and our heartiest thanks are due to her for her past Committee work.

It was much appreciated that Wendy Smith and Peter Stephenson have agreed to take on the important posts of Treasurer and Secretary to the Society. We trust this indicates their enjoyment of being part of your Committee during the past year, but this does mean that we could do with some new Committee members !

MARCH MEETING - Local History Film Show

The meeting on 7th March promises to be a most interesting event, with the Lincolnshire Film Archive coming to give us a showing of some early local films on subjects including Grimsby Trawlers circa 1901, Boston 1904, the 1953 East Coast Floods, and Pipe-laying in The Humber 1969, as well as on their work in preserving old local history motion films.

We have reserved the Main Hall for this evening, which gives us increased seating capacity, so do tell all your friends and families and encourage them to come along! Usual 7.30 start and modest admittance charge.

NEXT TABLE TOP SALE

Following on from the very successful fund-raising Table Top Sales in 2007, which together raised more than £150 towards our funds, we are having a further such morning event in the Methodist Room on **Monday 19th May**. Donated items to be offered for sale would again be much appreciated from Members – please bring them along to our May meeting or at 9.30 a.m. on the sale of the Table Top sale.

SPILSBY SHOW

We have been invited to have a display in a marquee at the Spilsby Show in July and intend to take up this invite and would like to exhibit photos etc. More details nearer the time and offers to volunteer help would be appreciated.

KEV1 COMPUTER CLUB + FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH

We are well aware of Members' interest in undertaking Family History research, one of reasons why we which supported the establishment of the Computer Club by KEV1. This for a number of reasons has had a shaky start but after meeting with the Humanities College we are pleased to be told that it will be re-launched after Easter, for which KEV1 will be undertaking local publicity to attract outsider interest. The Club will continue to take place every Monday during term time from 4-7pm at the Media Centre at the KEV1 Humanities College. There is NO CHARGE for attending and you can still join up: please speak to Janet Gordon or Peter Stephenson if you are interested.

To enhance our research capacity the Society is also shortly purchasing the 1841-1901 Lincolnshire Census CDs. In the meantime, those who are interested in undertaking Family research might like to know that Spilsby Library has the 1901 Census available on Computer and the Central Library in Lincoln has even more computer material available: at both places booking in advance is both necessary and recommended!

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

At our meeting with KEV1 further interviewing arrangements for 2008 was agreed and we are promised CD copies of the 2007 interviews, which we intend to have available at the Open Day in September. Volunteers to be interviewed in the coming months would be appreciated!

FRANKLIN DOCUMENTS

Computer cataloguing of some 17 framed documents relating to Sir John Franklin is currently being completed by KEVI and they will then be passed over to us for our retention. We propose to see that the documents are put on local display: more on this at a later date.

WEBSITE

Our own Website, well worth a visit, is at www.spilsbyhistorysociety.org.uk. Our events programme, newsletters and other items are building up what will be a most useful and informative publicity and contact medium for the Society, so if you have any local history items to share, do pass them on to Peter Stephenson.

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