



SPILSBY + DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER JUNE 2008

A quick update on a busy few months behind and in front of us, and:

A REMINDER - WE HAVE NO MEETING IN AUGUST!

MAY

May saw a further Table Top Sale at the Methodist Church room, which raised a net £74.51. Our thanks to all who contributed items for sale and to those who helped out. A special mention for Janet's Hostas, which went well, and after 4 years training she now knows they need re-potting periodically!

JUNE MEETING

Our June speaker, Brenda Webster, was hospitalised a few days before our meeting and we have sent her our best wishes for a speedy recovery. We were most grateful to Linda Crust for both letting us know about Brenda and for stepping in by bringing forward her talk on Billy Paddison, which had been planned for our November meeting. In the event Linda's excellent talk gave members a fascinating and lively insight into Lincolnshire rural life in the 19th century.

Jean Howard's Spilsby Walkabout on 26th June also proved very popular and was most informative for our lucky members who ventured forth.

JULY MEETING

On Friday 4th July distinguished local Historian Linda Hotchkiss is coming to give us what again promises to be a most interesting talk on "A Paupers Life", with a local connection to the Gables Workhouse and Parish Records included. As usual, a 7.30 pm start.

SEPTEMBER MEETING + OUR OPEN DAY

After a short August break, it's back to business in September with a bang!

On 5th September Kevin Harrison returns to give us a talk on Captain John Smith: definitely not one to miss from this very popular speaker!

Our bi-annual Open day will be on Saturday 13th September, from 10.30 am to 4.30pm at the Franklin Hall, with a wide range of visiting Groups and other exhibitors promised, including the Sir Joseph Banks Society: the Horncastle Branch of the Lincolnshire Family History Society: Stickford Local History Society: Spilsby Theatre, King Edward VI Humanities College, etc., all of which promises to make this an event to remember.

We intend to see that the event is widely publicised as we have planned book launches by both ourselves and by The Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology and local VIPs invited

Joyce and Wendy have again compiled a quiz, "*So you think you know Lincolnshire*" - will be on sale at £1 and returned to Joyce by 14th October or before. All profits towards our funds.

Help on the day from Members is very much needed, including cake baking and volunteers to help with both manning and washing-up. Even a couple of hours from each member each would be a great help! Please let Janet know what help you can give.

PROPOSED VISIT TO LOUTH MUSEUM – 29th October

Many members have expressed interest in our organising “trips” to local places of historic interest, so we are proposing a visit by bus to Louth Museum on Wednesday 29th October, leaving Spilsby Market Place at 10.30.am and returning from Louth around 3.00pm.

We will have a guided tour – about 90 minutes – of the Museum plus a visit to the Town Hall and we will have the opportunity to view William Brown’s “Panorama of Louth” replica paintings that Maisie has spoken of, which picture back-to-back the 1844 view from the top of St James’ spire. There should also be time for lunch and some shopping in Louth before our return!

The cost for - both bus and Museum entrance fee - will be £8.50 per head, payable in advance to Janet, who would like to know who wants to go no later than our September meeting. The bus will be limited to 26, so whilst members are welcome to bring pre-booked partners/friends along, it will be “first come first served”.

BRACKENBURY LECTURE – 12th July

We have been made aware that there will be a talk on **“Lincolnshire Connections with the London Virginia Company 1606-1624”** by Dr Bob Gibson MA PhD FTS on Saturday 12th July at 3pm at Raithby Methodist Chapel, which will be followed by Tea and Refreshments at Spilsby Methodist Church.

“THE MYSTERY OF THE CHAPEL OF ST JAMES SKENDLEBY”

We are recently been made aware of a book now available which has been produced by the Skendleby Heritage Society following excavations undertaken by the local community of the hidden remains of this long-forgotten religious building. We are in contact with the Society and have invited them to exhibit at our Open Day.

The book gives an excellent account and description of what has been found, and is full of colour photos: copies are available at £5 from The Olive Grove (next to Spilsby Methodist Church).

OUR WEBSITE

A reminder that our Website at www.spilsbyhistorysociety.org.uk, under Peter Stephenson’s management, is worth visiting periodically to see what is new and to see our future events programme, past newsletters and other items. If you have any local history items to add, do pass them on to Peter.