



SPILSBY + DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2008

The clocks have changed, signalling we are nearing the end of what has been a very busy year, but we are not quite there just yet!

Our Open day in September was a huge success, and our sincere thanks are due to everyone involved. Plus, sales of the Spilsby Medical Men book have been really excellent.

The winner of our local Quiz was K Bradbury from Skegness, who had all 50 answers correct ! There was a high standard of replies, with 5 other entrants having 46 or more correct answers. Very well done to all those who took part.

6th NOVEMBER MEETING

Due to a clash of events at the Franklin Hall our meeting on November 6th is being held in the Spilsby Methodist Church Hall (the entrance to which is down the left hand side of the Methodist church in the town centre). Peter Mackinder of Far Welter'd will be entertaining us with Lincolnshire dialect, so a most interesting evening is in prospect.

TABLE TOP SALE - 17TH NOVEMBER

Following the success of previous tabletop sales we have again booked a table at the Methodist Church hall on the morning of Monday 17th November from 9am to 11.30. We would appreciate any items to sell that members would like to donate: Christmassy goods: unwanted gifts, cakes, books etc. Please bring them to our meeting on the 6th or at any time to Joyce or Wendy, or at 8.30 am on the morning of the tabletop sale.

5th DECEMBER MEETING

We will be returning to the Franklin Hall for our final meeting in 2008. Members often comment that there is little time at our monthly meetings for them to socialise, so we have decided to take the opportunity at our December Christmas meeting to address this. We will as normal have a "faith supper" and ask members to bring food items for this, and also would like members to bring items on which they might like to do a "show and tell". Members will also have the chance to say what they would like us to be doing as an organisation: polite suggestions only please!

CHRISTMAS QUIZ AND SOCIAL EVENING AT STICKFORD

We are invited by the Stickford Local History Group to join them at their social evening on Thursday 18th December. Members who would like to go should let Janet know.

CHANGE OF OUR MEETING NIGHTS IN 2009

Friday is probably the busiest evening for events at the Franklin Hall and when we have popular speakers/events we have not always been able to accommodate everyone in the meeting room when we have not been able to have use of the Main hall.

The Committee have discussed the issue at length and we sought the view of members present at our October meeting. The outcome is that from February 2009 onwards our meetings will be held on the FIRST MONDAY of the month. This will mean that we can have the main Franklin Hall room for our meeting, in which there is a microphone system and a drop down screen.

2009 PROGRAMME

For your diaries our 2009 meeting dates will now be: 2nd February: 2nd March: 6th April: 4th May: 1st June: 6th June: 7th September: 5th October: 3rd November: and 7th December.

Speakers are now being booked for our 2009 meetings, and we hope to give full details of next year's programme at our December meeting

We start with our Annual General Meeting on 2nd February, when we are most privileged to have secured David Robinson OBE MSc, the distinguished Lincolnshire academic, as our guest speaker.

FRANKLIN EXPEDITION

In our September Newsletter we mentioned that we had heard from a Canadian contact that the Canadian Government are financing Expeditions to find Sir John Franklin's Ships. They are standing the cost for 2008 of 85,000 Canadian Dollars plus the cost of the Icebreaker and its crew. They have agreed to do this for three years, but of course the expedition can only search during the 6 weeks of the short summer.

For those with Internet access, if you use the first hyperlink below you should get a very interesting newspaper reports from August 2008 with both historic facts and a good view of what they have been doing for the past six weeks. It is most interesting to see what they have found.

They already seem to know where the two ships are now and it would seem that the Canadian Government are very interested in finding the ships to bolster their case in the International Courts to claim the North West Passage for Canada.

If you use the lower two hyper links you should get 2 videos about the current Expedition to look for the Franklin Ships. If it all works, isn't modern technology wonderful!

<http://www.reuters.com/article/latestCrisis/idUSN26308268>

<http://watch.ctv.ca/news/latest/lost-at-sea/#clip83809>

<http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid151831192?bclid=911325&bctid=372311242>