



SPILSBY + DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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Belated best wishes for 2010: do hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas break despite the prolonged winter weather - hopefully now over - and are duly refreshed and ready for the new season of meetings.

OUR 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our first meeting in 2010 will be on **MONDAY 1st February, 7.30 pm at the Franklin Hall**, and will include our Annual General Meeting, at which our Vice-Chairman, Canon Peter Coates has will be giving us a talk on ***Catherine Bertie***.

Without stealing too much of Father Peter's thunder, this year sees the 400th anniversary of Catherine's death in childbirth and, being a member of the Willoughby "dynasty", she is buried in the Willoughby Chapel in St James's church. Her married name was Lady Watson and she is a fascinating historical character, both locally and nationally, and her story is one long overdue to be related. Whilst Father Peter will not really need it to be heard, we have addressed the need for an enhanced microphone system in time for the meeting so that everyone is able to hear what is said.

Enclosed with this Newsletter is the formal Notice and Agenda for the 2010 AGM, which as always we will keep brief.

Copies of the audited 2009 Accounts will be provided to members at the AGM, when Wendy, our Treasurer, will formally present them for approval. The Accounts show that we are at present in a healthy financial position and your Committee are therefore once again not recommending any increase in either the annual subscriptions or meeting charges in the coming year.

Sadly, Peter Stephenson has indicated he will be relinquishing the position of Secretary at the AGM, but will continue to manage our Website for us. Joyce Motley has also indicated that, reluctantly, she will be resigning from our Committee for family reasons. Both Peter and Joyce have made invaluable contributions to the History Society during the past few years and we do thank them most sincerely for all they have done.

We really do need some members to step up and help out by joining the Committee: it is not particularly onerous and indeed is generally enjoyable and rewarding. Anyone willing and prepared to do so should make their interest known to any of the existing Committee members. Nominations of a member to the Committee and to any of the offices listed on the Agenda should ideally be passed to the current Secretary, Peter Stephenson, before the AGM.

OUR 2010 PROGRAMME

All of our regular meetings this year will continue to be held on the first Monday in each month, and at 7.30 as usual and we have what we hope you will all find to be an interesting and varied group of speakers now booked.

The programme for the remainder of 2010 is :-

- 1ST MARCH** **Mrs Alice Walmsley “CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF LINCOLNSHIRE”.**
- 5TH APRIL** **Kevin Harrison “LOST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTRY HOUSES”.**
- 10TH MAY** **Horace Liberty “ HISTORY OF LIBERTY’S DEPARTMENT STORE.”**
- 7TH JUNE** **Neil Wright “REVESBY + OTHER LINCOLNSHIRE CISTERCIAN ABBEYS.”**
- 5TH JULY** **Lydia Rusling (Good Taste Magazine) “FOOD AND FARMING”.**
- 11th JULY** **THE SPILSBY SHOW**

[As customary, no meeting in August]

- 7th SEPTEMBER** **Penny Ward “HISTORY + ARCHEOLOGY OF BOLINBROKE CASTLE”.**
- 18th SEPTEMBER** **Our OPEN DAY (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.).**
- 4th OCTOBER** **Glyn Simpson “EYAM: HISTORY OF A DERBYSHIRE VILLAGE”**
- 2nd NOVEMBER** **[To be confirmed]**
- 7th DECEMBER** **OUR CHRISTMAS SOCIAL EVENING.**

Following on the very successful visit to Langton last year we are again planning to have another group outing again this summer: details to follow in due course.

We will again be represented at the Spilsby Show in July and are also already planning the arrangements for our bi-Annual Open Day in September, so a busy year is in prospect.

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