



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 2nd July 10.30a.m.	Monumental Inscription Recording	Kirmond-le-Mire
Monday, 4th - Sunday, 10th July	Craft Week at Church Farm Museum	Skegness
Tuesday, 5th July	Great Grimsby Family History Group. Monumental Inscription Recording	Contact Joan Clark on Grimsby 71185 for location and time.
Friday, 8th July 6.45p.m.	Community Council of Lincolnshire A.G.M. Guest Speaker: Mr. Peter Jay, Chairman of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.	Old Leake Community Centre
Saturday, 9th - Sunday, 10th July	Flower Festival and Historical and Pictorial Exhibition etc.	Scartho Parish Church and Hall, Scartho, Grimsby.
Sunday, 10th July 11.00a.m.	Tour of the Archaeological and Historical Delights of Nottingham	Coach from Unity Square, Lincoln.
Tuesday, 12th July	Great Grimsby Family History Group. Monumental Inscription Recording.	Contact Joan Clark on Grimsby 71185 for location and time.
Friday, 15th July 7.00p.m. prompt	Boston Family History Housegroup: Richard Ratcliffe on Courts & Quarter Sessions.	129 Spilsby Road, Boston.

Saturday, 16th July	Lincolnshire Mills Group. Visit to Alford to view Thompson & Son, Millwrights Workshops and Alford 5-sail Mill	details from Committee.
Saturday, 16th July	Lincolnshire National Trust Association. Outing to Oxburgh Hall and Kings Lynn, Norfolk.	details from M. Bates, 68 Mill Road, Lincoln. Please enclose stamped addressed envelope.
Sunday, 17th July	Navvy Steaming	Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Burton Road, Lincoln.
Tuesday, 19th July	Great Grimsby Family History Group. Members' Evening.	The Central Library (2nd floor), Grimsby.
Tuesday, 19th July 6.00p.m.	Scunthorpe Museum Society: Local History Section. Field Meeting.	Assemble outside the Museum, Oswald Road, Scunthorpe at 6.00p.m. Further details from J. Goldsmith at the Museum.
Sunday, 24th July 11.00a.m.	Outing by car to see sites connected with John Grundy in Spalding, Deeping Fen, Deeping St. James and Grimsthorpe.	Assemble in Spalding Market Place.
Tuesday, 26th July	Great Grimsby Family History Group. Monumental Inscription Recording.	Contact Joan Clark on Grimsby 71185 for location and time.
Monday, 1st August - Sunday, 25th September	Exhibition on "John Grundy- Engineer of Spalding".	Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Burton Road, Lincoln.
Saturday, 13th August 2.00p.m.-5.30p.m.	Lincolnshire Mills Group. Visit to Skidby and Howden	Meet guide at Skidby at 2.00p.m.
Saturday, 20th August 12.30p.m.	DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER COPY - <u>AND IT'S A WEEK EARLY.</u>	The Reference Library, Free School Lane, Lincoln or 19 Hunt Lea Avenue, Lincoln.

Sunday, 21st August	Council for British Archaeology Group 14. Summer Visit to St. Wystans, Repton	details from P. Wheatley, Middlebrook House, Kirkby on Bain, Woodhall Spa, Lincs.
Sunday, 21st August 8a.m.	FLARE Visit to Archaeological excavations at Wroxeter	Coach from Unity Square, Lincoln
Friday 2nd - Friday 30th September	Exhibition by Lincolnshire Archives Office. "Lost Lincolnshire: The Landscape of the Past"	Stamford Public Library and County Libraries H.Q., Brayford House, Lincoln. (for other venues see page 23)
Friday, 2nd - Sunday 4th September	Federation of Family History Societies. Half-yearly meeting	Brighton
	<u>BOSTON IA WEEK</u>	
Monday, 5th September 7.30p.m.	Neil Wright on "Industrial Archaeology of South Lincolnshire"	Blackfriars Arts Centre, Boston
Tuesday, 6th September 10.00a.m.	Coach outing to Pinchbeck, Spalding, Moulton windmill and Fosdyke Bridge	Boston Market Place
Tuesday, 6th September 7.30p.m.	Keith Stephens on "The Restoration of Lincoln's warehouse, Boston".	Blackfriars Arts Centre, Boston.
Wednesday, 7th September 9.00a.m.	Walk round IA sites in Boston, including port, dock, railways etc.	Boston Market Place
Wednesday, 7th September 7.30p.m.	Michael Pointer on "Hornsby's of Grantham".	Blackfriars Arts Centre, Boston.
Thursday, 8th September 9.30a.m.	Coach outing to Cowbridge, Sibsey, New Bolingbroke and Wainfleet	Boston Market Place.
Thursday, 8th September	Neville Birch on "Waterways and Turnpikes in Lincolnshire".	Blackfriars Arts Centre, Boston.
Friday, 9th - Sunday 11th September	A.I.A. Conference	Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln.

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Saturday, 17th September	Lincolnshire National Trust Association. Outing to Charlecote Park and Warwick, Warwickshire.	details from M. Bates, 68 Mill Road, Lincoln. Please enclose stamped addressed envelope
Tuesday, 20th September	Great Grimsby Family History Group meeting	The Central Library (2nd floor), Grimsby.
Friday, 23rd September	Boston Family History Housegroup. Richard Thornton on Royal Dynasties.	129 Spilsby Road, Boston.
Friday, 23rd September 8.00p.m.	Spalding Gentlemen's Society Neil Wright on "John Grundy of Spalding and 18th Century Waterways".	The Museum, Broad Street, Spalding.
Sunday, 25th September	CRAFTERNOON 8	Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Burton Road, Lincoln.
Friday, 30th September 7.30p.m.	Archaeological Social Evening at Greyfriars	City and County County Museum, Lincoln
October	Exhibition on "John Grundy"	Ayscoughfee Hall, Spalding.
Saturday, 1st October - Wednesday, 30th November	"Fenland Cottages"	Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Burton Road, Lincoln.
Saturday, 8th October 11.00a.m.	East Yorkshire Local History Society. Neil Wright on "John Grundy, Engineer of Lincolnshire" and Mr. Hall on "Restoration of the Driffeld Navigation"	Bell Hotel, Driffeld.

Wednesday, 12th October 7.30p.m.	Lincolnshire National Trust Association. Members' Night. "Grand Tour" - Slides of Trust Properties.	Centre for the Deaf, Burton Road, Lincoln.
Thursday, 13th October 7.30p.m.	Archaeological Holidays: Lincoln Globetrotters	Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln.
Saturday, 22nd October	Council for British Archaeology. Group 14. Day School "Romano-British Rural Settlement in the E. Midlands".	Newark.
Friday, 28th October 7.30p.m.	Lecture by Dr. G.T. Martin: "The Tomb of Horemheb Regent and Commander-in-Chief to Tutankhamun".	Shuttleworth Hall, Bishop's Palace, Lincoln.

IMPORTANT NOTE. The Editor has been told that an event advertised in the last "Dates for your Diary" was cancelled with no warning to members of the Society who travelled some miles to attend. Cancellation of meetings is often unavoidable, but it would be useful if programme secretaries could broadcast the fact on Radio Lincolnshire, for example. At the least, an explanatory notice on the door of the venue would help. Events publicised in the Newsletter reach a very wide audience. They are also recorded in the Diary of Local History Events, University of Nottingham Centre for Local History, so it would be courteous for such efforts to be made to keep all interested parties well informed. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

First let me say what a privilege it is to be Chairman of one of the most flourishing historical and archaeological societies in the country - and what a challenge it is to try to maintain the quality of leadership experienced over the last few years. Without slipping into the election jargon so prevalent as I write, I would like to say that I shall do all I can to promote and maintain the interests of the Society in the future. I am sure we are all most grateful to Terence Leach who has not only fought successfully to recover his own health but has worked at almost normal rate to maintain the health of our Society.

Secondly - my own interests. My formal training completely ignored the local scene, even though I studied the Industrial Revolution at Manchester University! As so often happens, personal links created the spark. My paternal grandmother and my father both worked at the now-famous Grog's Mill at Styal, Cheshire; my paternal grandfather helped to build some of the huge mill chimneys that now adorn Stockport; my maternal grandmother came from a Montgomeryshire (later Shropshire) farm into service at the big cotton magnate houses in Wilmslow and Alderley Edge where she met a local (Welsh) slater (my maternal grandfather) - all fascinating economic and social history. Teaching in Chesterfield for four years introduced me to mining communities and to transport history; Chesterfield coal barges went to far distant places like Lincoln and Bardney and, when the North Sea was particularly violent or when taxation on sea-coal was high, to Boston. So I had in fact heard of Saxilby, the Foss Dyke and Kirkstead before I crossed the Rubicon at Dunham in 1967. Here at Bishop Grosseteste College was the freedom to develop local history; fieldwork at Sudbrooke, Nettleham, Horncastle, Grimsby and along the Ancholme and the Witham was helped by the staff of the Archives Office then led by Mrs. Varley. Nothing but waterways and field patterns at first. But as we all know, you cannot - and should not - draw your own boundaries in local history. The 1970s have seen a revival of interest in people and I have been caught up as much as anyone in chasing through registers and enumerators' returns. My present post as History Inspector (Lincolnshire) takes me over the whole county; it is amazing how many apparently direct journeys to schools and meeting-places have slight detours which happen to take me past a monument, a mound or a mill. Local history is developing in schools, particularly for pupils under thirteen. One of my main tasks is to encourage this growth and to get children to think about what they experience: for I am quite convinced that a good training in the methods of local historical and archaeological research spins off into other aspects of our life.

Finally, we have great hopes that the new British Association for Local History will help further the cause of local history and allow its practitioners to speak nationally with one voice. Rod Ambler and I serve on the Council of BALH and on certain sub-committees. If you wish to contact me about BALH or any matter concerning our Society, please ring my home number (0522) 751453 any time as long as it avoids the BBC News, history/archaeological items and jazz programmes.

Ray Acton