



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday, 3rd April 10.30 am - 3.30 pm	Lincolnshire - North Federation of Women's Institutes - Heritage Day. ✓	Lindsey College of Agriculture, Riseholme, Lincoln.
Wednesday, 4th April 7.00 pm	Great Grimsby Family History Group. Visit to Humberside Record Office Town Hall, Grimsby. MEMBERS ONLY.	
Monday, 9th April 7.00 pm	Grantham Local History Society Mr N Birch on "Lincolnshire Waterways and their uses."	The Public Library Grantham
Friday, 13th April 7.30 pm	F.L.A.R.E. Members' Evening at the Exhibition, ✓ prior to the Public Opening, Accompanied by Michael Jones	City and County Museum Broadgate, Lincoln
Saturday, 14th April - Sunday, 30th September	LINCOLN COMES OF AGE - 21 ✓ CENTURIES OF LIVING HISTORY	City and County Museum Broadgate, Lincoln
Wednesday, 18th April 7.30 pm	Scunthorpe Museum Society. Local History and Archaeology Sections. John Wilford on "The Gilbertine Order in Lincolnshire" Joint meeting with the S.L.H.A.	Scunthorpe Museum, Oswald Road, Scunthorpe
Wednesday, 18th April 7.30 onwards	Museum of Lincolnshire Life Open Evening. Viewing of Commercial Row and Gatehouse Galleries in progress.	The Museum of Lincolnshire Life, Burton Road, Lincoln.
Saturday, 21st April 7.30 am -	F.L.A.R.E. Trip to London visiting the Exhibition of Romanesque Art and the British Museum.	Coach leaves Unity Square, Lincoln. Details from Hon. Secretary of F.L.A.R.E. Tel: Lincoln 21754
Wednesday, 25th April 7.30 pm	F.L.A.R.E. Dr. Graham Webster on "The Roman Conquest of Midland England".	The Usher Gallery, Lindum Hill, Lincoln.

Wednesday, 25th April 7.30 pm	Great Grimsby Family History Group. Visit to the Welholme Galleries jointly with the Guild of Freeman.	Meet at the Galleries, Grimsby.
Friday, 1st - Sunday, 3rd June	Microcomputers for Archaeology	Horncastle Residential College
Saturday 2nd June 12.30 pm	<u>DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES</u> As this date is later than might be expected NO COPY SENT IN THE FOLLOWING WEEK WILL BE ACCEPTED!!	The Reference Library, Free School Lane Lincoln
Saturday, 9th June approx. 11.00 am - 5.00 pm.	10th Anniversary of the Federation of Family History Societies. Garden Party at Stratfield Saye, near Reading.	Please contact members of the Family History sub-committee for details.
Monday, 11th June 7.00 pm	Grantham Local History Society. Mr J Redshaw on "Baston Fen Nature Reserve"	The Public Library, Grantham
Tuesday, 26th June 7.30 pm	Great Grimsby Family History Group. Members' Meeting.	Room 1, Central Library, Town Hall Square, Grimsby.
Saturday, 30th June	Family History Day Conference	Harlaxton Hall, near Grantham
Sunday, 1st July 8.00 a.m. —	F.L.A.R.E. Outing to Norfolk	Coach leaves Unity Square Lincoln. Details from Hon. Secretary of F.L.A.R.E. Tel: Lincoln 21754
Saturday, 7th July 2.30 pm	Brackenbury Memorial Lecture Mr Red Ambler	Raithby Memorial Chapel
Tuesday, 1st May 7.30 pm	Scunthorpe Museum Society. Local History Section A.G.M.	Scunthorpe Museum, Oswald Road, Scunthorpe.
Saturday, 5th May 2.30 pm	Sheila Sancha on "Irnham and the Luttrell Psalter". Illustrated talk.	Wragby Town Hall
Tuesday, 8th May - Saturday, 12th May	Family History Exhibition with Surgery on Saturday 12th May from 9.00 am - 12.30 pm.	Central Library Foyer, Free School Lane, Lincoln
Saturday, 12th May 9.30 am - 5.30 pm	E.M.I.A.C. 28. Buildings and Building Materials in Stamford <u>See further details and Application form at the back of this Newsletter.</u>	Stamford Arts Centre Stamford.

Saturday, 12th - Sunday 13th May	Lincolnshire Mills Weekend	For opening times and charges send a S.A.E. to 75 Yarborough Road, Lincoln
Sunday, 13th May	The English Civil War Society will re-enact the storming of Lincoln Castle by Parliamentary Troops on the 340th Anniversary.	Lincoln Castle Grounds
Monday, 14th May 7.00 pm	Grantham Local History Society Terence Leach on "Lincolnshire's Lost Country Houses".	The Public Library Grantham
Tuesday, 15th May 7.30 pm	Great Grimsby Family History Group. Members' Meeting.	Room 2, Central Library Town Hall Square, Grimsby.
Saturday, 19th May	S.L.H.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Guest Speaker: Lt. Col. Iain Swinnerton, President of the Federation of Family History Societies.	Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln.
Wednesday, 30th May 7.00 pm (please note time) ✓	F.L.A.R.E. Annual General Meeting and Guest Lecture. Professor John Wachter on "Lincoln and the Roman Towns of Britain".	The Usher Gallery Lindum Hill, Lincoln.
Sunday, 8th - Saturday, 14th July	Medieval Archaeology : Excavation Training Course.	Horncastle Residential College
Sunday, 8th July 11.00 am	Industrial Archaeology Day Trip to Wainfleet and surrounding area.	Meeting place - The Crescent, New Bolingbroke.
Monday, 9th July	Grantham Local History Society. Visit to Baston Fen Nature Reserve.	Please contact committee members for details.
Saturday, 21st July	Medieval Jousting and Fayre	Lincoln Castle Grounds
Sunday 22nd - Saturday, 28th July	Medieval Archaeology : Excavation Training Course.	Horncastle Residential College.
Wednesday, 25th July 7.30 pm ✓	F.L.A.R.E. Dr. David M. Wilson, Director of the British Museum and former Chairman of the Lincoln Archaeological Trust and former President of F.L.A.R.E. on "Viking Warfare".	The Usher Gallery, Lindum Hill, Lincoln.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

On Thursday 9 February 1984 at 4.35 pm (detail which should please future researchers) I rang Terence Leach at what he describes as 'The Cottage Hospital, Dunholme'. It was a sunny day for all of us but especially for Terence who had been greatly cheered by his latest medical report. In the last few weeks not only Terence but his wife, his father-in-law, his central heating system and his car have had to receive attention from various specialists. Things are looking brighter on all fronts and we look forward to Terence and his chauffeuse making a welcome re-appearance.

All Secondary Schools and Colleges of FE in the historic county have been sent details of a Local History Prize Essay Competition organised on behalf of our Society and Lincolnshire County Council by Chris Johnson of Lincolnshire Archives Office. There are two classes (Yrs IV-V and VI Forms plus FE students.) If you know of any young person in these categories who has not received details via his or her school/college, please contact me (0522-751453); I shall be pleased to send details. This is a very welcome initiative to mark Heritage 84 which could help to develop the interest of our young students in their local history.

At the last Executive Committee Meeting (January 1984), members had to face up to the decision by the Community Council that from 1 April 1985 it could no longer give us the support and services we have grown accustomed to. In short our Society has about a year in which to set itself up as an independent body. The Committee established a working group consisting of Eileen Briggs (Treasurer), Catherine Wilson, David Neave, John Wilford, Neil Wright and myself. A progress report will be given to the Executive Committee Meeting on 26 March 1984 before a full discussion at the AGM on 19 May 1984. The group is looking at the possibility of a paid part-time Secretary, accommodation to contain at least an office and storage and the provision of reprographic services. Several promising lines are being pursued but we are always ready to entertain further ideas. Please contact any member of the group if you know of any possibilities you would like us to explore further.

Ray Acton

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

There are three differently coloured sheets stapled to back of this Newsletter. Please do not disregard them once you have perused the rest of this issue. Each page contains important information and - even more vital - a form to be used with each item for the return of remittances. Do cut out and fill in these payment forms. Make out your cheques and send them all off as soon as possible. Then you will know you have booked a place on E.M.I.A.C. 28, have ordered "A Lincolnshire Prospect" and, last but not least, have paid your subscription to the Society for the coming year! It is only too simple and you won't be disappointed in the results!

CANON C.W. FOSTER

Canon Charles Wilmer Foster was born in 1865. He went to St. John's College, Oxford, but through ill-health took only a pass degree. After ordination he held curacies at Coventry, Grimsby and Epworth where the incumbent was Canon Overton, the historian of the eighteenth century church. After returning to Grimsby in 1901 he was instituted as vicar of Timberland in 1902. Here he remained until his death in 1935.

In these thirty-three years he organised the sorting, cleaning, repairing and subsequent listing of many classes of the diocesan and archidiaconal records, much of the work being done at Timberland as the letter below described. He trained a succession of girls in Timberland as his clerks and also set about learning the proper methods of repairing documents so that he might instruct some of his older women parishioners, who achieved great skill in the art. Choirboys helped with the sorting of index slips.