

SPREADING THE WORD! The Group had stalls at two more local events. Firstly, we shared the stage with Alf over the two days of the Countess of Warwick's Show at Little Easton in August. There was much interest in the Group's activities, and in the projects on display, resulting in more names for the mailing list, and hopefully some new members; we also raised a small cash sum with an abbey-themed Treasure Hunt.



Countess of Warwick Show - August 2012



Tilty Flower Festival - Oct 2012

In October we had a stall at the Tilty Flower Festival. Darren had put together some fascinating display boards – one about the Mosquito crash during the Second World War, and one about an 1899 family tragedy in Tilty. These again generated a great deal of interest, together with some extra contacts who will hopefully help take Darren's research forward.

Thanks to everyone who helped to organise, set up and man the stalls; they seemed very worthwhile activities.

AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING Guest Speaker **Graham Jolliffe**, Chairman and co-founder of Stebbing Local History Society, gave an extremely interesting talk on the investigation of local history, with examples from Stebbing's experiences. SLHS was founded in 1995, and though it has been going for 17 years, Graham feels that they've just scratched the surface! He gave a brief review of Stebbing's history, and its links with Tilty: the Domesday survey shows Stebbing divided into two manors, those of Ralph Peverell and Henry de Ferrers, to whom Tilty also belonged. He talked about the activities in which SLHS are involved, and proffered some useful comments and suggestions for TALHG. It was interesting to hear about the ongoing projects Stebbing are involved in, for example; transcribing church registers, census returns, etc., and creating digital files to make it easier to search these records. Graham finished with a selection of photographs from the Stebbing archive, mostly from the early decades of the twentieth-century; it was fascinating to see the differences 'then and now' in some very familiar scenes. He finished with the story of PC Enoch Rasen, a policeman of the 1880s who became so unpopular that he was burnt in effigy by 'local lads' on Bonfire Night 1888; there was a brilliant photograph of the masked perpetrators – and the effigy – to illustrate the tale.

Saffron Walden Town Library

IN OCTOBER, there was also a good turn-out for the visit to the Saffron Walden Town Library. As their website says, the Library 'contains many rare and valuable books of the greatest interest both to researchers and to the ordinary reader', and we were given the opportunity to peruse many fine examples. This is a great resource for all kinds of research, and right on our doorstep! The Group was extremely grateful to **Martyn Everett**, from the Town Library Association, for providing us with such an interesting evening; it provided an extremely useful introduction to the Town Library and its resources. It is well worth a visit, and has all kinds of invaluable research materials for local historians. To find out more, visit the website:



<http://www.townlib.org.uk/index.htm>

The Town Library Association also runs an interesting programme of events and talks; non-members are welcome. Information is available on their website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES



Tuesday 11th December
Christmas "Do"

Tuesday January 8th 2013
First General Meeting *of the New Year*