SPALDING GENTLEMEN’S SOCIETY
SYMPOSIUM
Saturday 13th April 2019

Understanding Fenland Landscape and Society: Past and Present
Broad Street Methodist Church, Spalding

Purpose:
To provide an opportunity to review the latest research into the landscape and society of the Fenland from the Roman to the Early Modern period. It will also highlight the role of Spalding Gentlemen’s Society as a centre for local research.

09:30        Registration
10:00        Opening Remarks
             Dr Richard Jones

10:30 – 12:15 Fenland People and Settlement
Professor Stephen Upex  Roman administration of the Fenland and the Castor Praetorium.
Dr Avril Lumley-Prior  Peakirk: a medieval community on the Fen edge.
Dr Susan Kilby  Making a living in the Fens: how the other half lived in later medieval Lakenheath.
Discussion

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch  Tours of Spalding Gentlemen’s Society

13:30 – 14:45 Medieval and Early Modern Fenland Landscapes
Professor Michael Chisholm  Fenland Landscape and Waterways.
Dr John Morgan  Managing water in the Fens: early modern courts of sewers.
Discussion

14:45 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 16:15 Local Research and Resources
Dr Michael Gilbert  Medieval Spalding Project.
Dr Dustin Frazier-Wood  Hidden treasures: the value of local archives.
Discussion

16:15 – 16:30 Closing Remarks
Professor Michael Chisholm

16:30        End