

LIFE IN LINCOLNSHIRE

News from around the county

You're Kidding

Union Interiors in Grantham are hosting an exhibition on carefully selected photographs taken by Patrick Litchfield. This rare opportunity to see such legendary photography is running until mid-November and includes many iconic images. The gala opening saw the arrival of supermodels Jodie and Gemma Kidd.



GEMMA AND JODIE KIDD OFFICIALLY OPEN THE EXHIBITION

Fishy Tale

Mrs Pat Bowden of Lincolnshire recently caught a record-breaking 30lbs salmon on the River Polly in Scotland.

The 84-year-old great-grandmother had previously caught an 18lbs salmon in the same pool, some 400 yards from the sea. The record-breaking cock fish beat the existing record for the river by 8lbs.

Using a twenty-five year old 15 foot three-piece carbon fibre rod with an Ally Shrimp fly, and a cast breaking strain of 13lbs, the fish was played for three-quarters of an hour before being grassed.

Fishing on her own, and twisting her ankle in the process of grassing the fish, Pat then had to get herself a considerable distance back to the nearest lodge, to recruit some help to get the fish to safety.

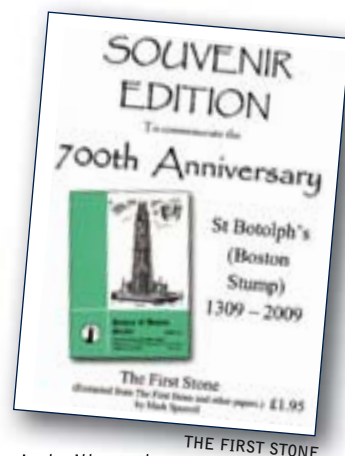


PAT WITH HER 30LB SALMON AND TWO HELPERS

History Book Reprinted

Kay Books was originally a small, family-run general bookshop in Boston in the 1970s, but was re-launched as a niche online bookshop in November 2007 and now sells over 170 titles all with one common theme - Lincolnshire. From less than £1 to over £100 they carry fascinating insights into the way people lived, from basket makers, cat burglars, fishermen and steel workers to studies on heritage in the region, including windmills and workhouses plus lots of history (including military).

To celebrate the 700th anniversary of the Boston Stump this year, Richard Kay has reprinted *The First Stone* by Mark Spurrell, first published in 1970. It is priced at £1.95. Although only a short work, this paper looks in depth at the difficulties faced and overcome when building this magnificent building - the largest Parish Church in England. Visit: www.kaybooksonline.co.uk



THE FIRST STONE



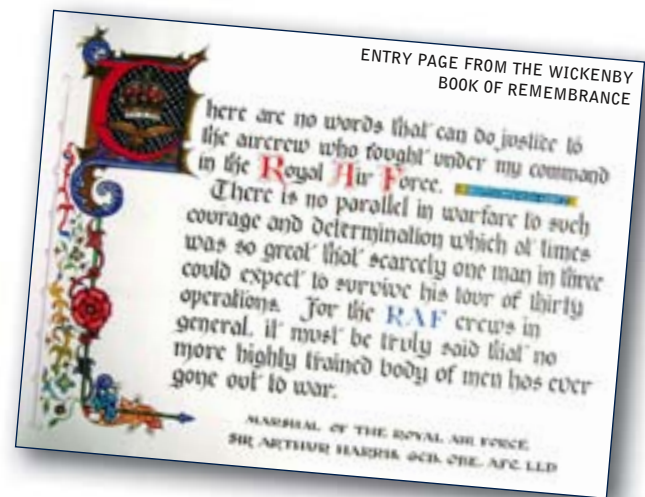
CHARLES WRIGHT RECEIVING AWARDS
FROM NFYFC PRESIDENT LIONEL HILL

Lincolnshire's Environmental Winner

Charles Wright fronted the team from North Holland Young Farmers Club that represented Lincolnshire in a National competition to design and build an eco house. The team fought off tough competition at both county and area rounds before being placed 1st at the final, held at the Royal Show.

The competition was to encourage members to research and design the construction of an environmentally friendly house. Design, presentation and research skills were put to the test along with the development of budgeting and team work being scrutinised. The winning team comprising of Charles Wright, Fiona Godwin and Hannah Wright all received prize cards and plates to mark their achievement.

Book of Remembrance



The Wickenby Register (Nos 12 & 626 Sqn Association), Book of Remembrance which contains the names of over 1300 aircrew lost whilst serving with the two squadrons from 1939 to 1945 is now held in the Wickenby Airfield Museum.

12 Sqn had the highest aircrew loss rate in No1 Group and it is believed the second highest in Bomber Command. They won the first RAF VCs in the war and flew Fairey Battles in France, Wellingtons at RAF Binbrook then Lancasters at RAF Wickenby where No 626 Sqn was formed from 12 Sqn, C Flight. No 12 Sqn is one of the first RFC formed squadrons and is still on active service - in Afghanistan at the present time.

The Book of Remembrance has been beautifully written and decorated by a local man, Mr Roy MacDonald and has been bound by another local man, Mr Paul Cockram. It was blessed at the annual Service of Remembrance held at the Wickenby Airfield memorial on 6th September last.

Royal Visit

His Royal Highness The Earl of Wessex made his second visit to RAF Waddington following his appointment as Honorary Air Commodore to the Station last year. His visit coincided with Air Combat Power Visit (ACPV), a three day demonstration of the RAF's expeditionary roles and capabilities.

During the visit, HRH was treated to demonstrations from the Royal Air Force Police Dog section and their charges, as well as the equipment and methods used by personnel from the Survival, Evade, Resist, Extract (SERE) Team whose role is to ensure that members of the Armed Forces have the necessary equipment and training to survive a life-threatening situation.

