

A CLOSER LOOK AT BOURNE

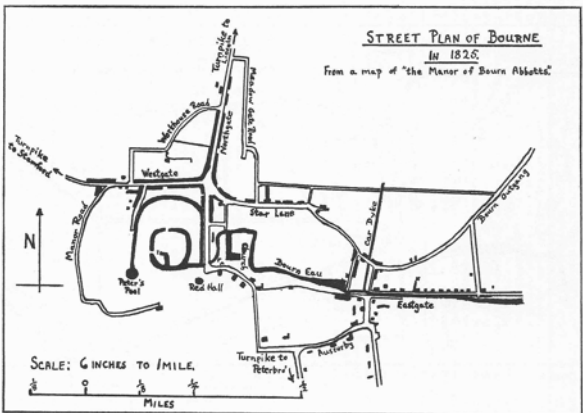
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There is much evidence that there were settlements in the Bourne area starting during the Iron Age around 500BC, and further evidence of Neolithic settlements in Lincolnshire many centuries before that, around 2000BC. Finds in the parish area have indicated Roman settlements from around 43AD onwards, and many Roman items have been found. Bourne in those days was spelt Brunne, this is thought to be formed from the Roman 'Burna' meaning 'spring', as it is likely that early settlements here relied on the springs that emanated at the Wellhead in St Peters Pool, which would have provided a plentiful supply of water. Over later years the town's name became Bourn, however in 1893, the name was changed again, by the addition of the 'e', to become Bourne as we now know it, this was made necessary by the start of rail and post services, to prevent confusion with Bourn in Cambridgeshire. The Bourne that we are familiar with now, contains



many historic buildings, dating from the 12th century, with many town centre buildings having been built in the 1600's. The map above was produced in 1825, and shows early street names you will not recognise now, and the population at that time was just 2,300. Life in the 19th Century was very different to today, below you can see Stevenson's butchers in West Street at around 1875, that archway still exists and can be recognised today.



Nestling in the centre of South Lincolnshire in between the towns of Stamford and Spalding, with Grantham to the North, and Peterborough to the South, our town survives much as it did in the last century. We have more people and more houses, but our town centre continues much as it has for the past 50 years. Many of our town shops have been in place for many years and we have a good selection of small shops, this is one town the major chains forgot. In our market square the Town Hall, built in 1821, dominates the crossroads, overseeing the junction of our four main streets, North St, South St., West St. .. and Abbey Road(why could it not be called East St.!) Next door to the town hall



we have the Burghley Inn, previously called the Bull Inn, famous for it's connection with Lord Burghley. Almost opposite the

Burghley Inn, we have the Angel Hotel, a 19th century Coaching Inn, still complete with cobbled coaching entrance and the Ostler's Bell. Bourne has been a market town for many years, originally the market was held in the street, before being moved to it's new location at the Corn Exchange, Until the late 70's, local auctioneers traded in front of the Town Hall on Thursdays and Saturdays, and the market was a vibrant place to be.



Next time you walk past the Angel Hotel, imagine the 'Tally Ho' stagecoach, which ran between London and York, entering the front archway each day, and running on the very flagstones and cobbles you walk on today. Mail coaches also stopped there until the late 1800's

Bourne Preservation Society was formed in March of 2008 with its primary aim being to restore and re-open the beautiful Victorian Gothic cemetery chapel which nestles peacefully at the entrance to Bourne cemetery. The building was opened in 1855 and remains in original condition, the only addition



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being the installation of electricity. Recently inspected by well respected ecclesiastical surveyors, The Morton Partnership, of London, Managing Director Mr Ed. Morton declared the building in good structural condition, with only the roof in need of major repair. In the days of 1854 when the chapel was designed, Bourne was very enterprising, being one of the first in England to commission a



new chapel following the establishment of cemeteries by the Burial Act of 1854, and our chapel was one of the first opened. It is believed that it is the oldest of its



design, and one of only 5 remaining. It is a Grade II listed building. The interior features of the South chapel can be seen in the pictures here. This building is part of the heritage of Bourne, help us to restore and re-open it, by joining the Society,

or making a donation to the project. If you have skills you could bring to the project we would be very happy to talk with you. The Society is also engaged with Heritage Lincolnshire on the 'Heritage at Risk' project, if you would like information on that project, please use the contact details on this leaflet, or look at our website.



SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Title First name Surname
Address
Town Postcode
Telephone number Email address

Membership type (please delete) Corporate / Individual / Couple / Family / Junior (under 18)
Corporate - minimum £50 : Individual - £12 : Couple £15 : Family - £20 : Junior - £5
Amount Enclosed £ (payable to 'Bourne Preservation Society')

and/or DONATION

I wish to support the aims and actions of Bourne Preservation Society in saving and restoring the Victorian Cemetery Chapel, and I would like to make a donation to the **restoration fund** of £

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For more information on the Society, please visit our website.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Bourne Preservation Society. At the top, the logo 'Bourne Preservation Society' is displayed in green. To the right are two small images: a sign for 'BOURNE CEMETERY' and a landscape view of the cemetery. Below the logo is a navigation menu with buttons for Home, News, Events, Projects, About Bourne, Information, Links, and Contact. The main content area features a 'Welcome' message, a news item titled 'HERITAGE LINCOLNSHIRE Looking after Lincolnshire's heritage' with a photo of a stained glass window, and a section titled 'Bourne's Victorian Cemetery Chapel' with a photo of the chapel building.

This leaflet is a small taster of the history of Bourne, and is produced by

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