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Here we are at the start of another new year, perhaps it's a little late to wish you a Happy New Year, but I will anyway, I hope it will be happy, healthy and peaceful for everyone. It seems hard to believe that we have been trying to get control of the cemetery chapel now for almost two years, but this year, I think we will make the breakthrough that we have been working for. Towards the end of last year, we started a series of meetings with Bourne Town Council, that were of a different nature to those held previously. We feel that there is now a genuine willingness on the part of BTC to move the project forward, and regular meetings are now held every 6 weeks. At the last meeting, it was agreed that the council will start the process of generating the lease agreement, which we will then negotiate, this we hope will be completed before the decision is taken to move forward, later this year, following the completion of the Options Appraisal. I would like to thank you all for the help and support you have given during this long process, hopefully it will soon reach a successful ending. I hope that you will come along to the monthly member nights and enjoy the wide range of speakers that we have.

Jack Slater Chairman

Last month's members night

Warners Printers in West Street was the subject of last month's members night. Fifteen members enjoyed a tour of Warners premises, seeing the print process from start to finish, and it was a very interesting and enjoyable evening. We are grateful to Warners for their hospitality, and in particular to Mr. Andy York, their Senior Sales and Customer Service Manager, for arranging and hosting the event. You can see some of the attendees pictured right, standing by Michelle Harris and Andy York of Warners Midlands plc.

Bourne Preservation Trust

We are still awaiting the revised model documents from the Architectural Heritage Fund that we need to complete our incorporation application to Companies House to register our company. These documents are currently being revised in conjunction with the Charities Commission, and there is nothing more we can do until these are available to us. The documents are now with the AHF solicitors, hopefully this will be completed soon, and our application can then be presented.

Next Member Meeting

Bourne in Past Times

Monday, 15th February, at 7.30pm

BOURNE IN PAST TIMES is an evocation of yesteryear through the eyes of our local photographers who recorded people, places and events, such as Joseph Flatters, Richard Bertolle, William Redshaw and Ashby Swift, whose work survives as a record of the way things were. Their pictures show Bourne as it was in the 19th and early 20th centuries and enable us see how much it has been transformed with a glimpse of the changing appearance of our streets and buildings and recording some of the major events that influenced the life of the town.

This program has been produced by Rex Needle

All welcome Members £1, Non-members £2

Dates for your diary

15th February - Members night (see above) - Bourne in Times Past 7.30pm Wake House
Please note this is a change to the advertised event

15th February - Committee meeting - Wake House - 9.00pm



Photo courtesy Stamford Mercury

Please remember to keep visiting our website, it is always a challenge to place interesting and informative information on it, but the old saying 'many hands make light work' is appropriate. If you have any information or suggestions to add to the Society website, please let us have them?

BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY - Jan/Feb 2010 Newsletter

Conservation Area Review

Committee member Anthony Jennings has produced an excellent Bourne Preservation Society proposal, in response to the SKDC Conservation Review document, and these have been submitted to, and acknowledged and commented on by SKDC. It is an important part of our Society to be involved in discussions such as this that impact the future of our town, and we are very grateful to Anthony for producing such an excellent, and comprehensive document.

Information Required

Have you photographs, or any information relating to the history of the cemetery chapel? Have you been involved with the running of it, or the cemetery? Have you an interesting story about the chapel, or of anyone buried in the cemetery, that you would like to see on our website and newsletter. If you have, please contact Jonathan Smith at
jpsmithpix@yahoo.co.uk



Heritage Lincolnshire celebrates a great start to 2010!

The Heritage Lottery Fund has confirmed that Heritage Lincolnshire's application for 2nd round funding has been successful and the project can begin.

Des Gallagher, acting Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund said, "This is a truly innovative project that will offer huge benefits for Lincolnshire's heritage. At the Heritage Lottery Fund we believe that everyone should have the chance to identify, look after and enjoy their heritage. This project will mean that volunteers across Lincolnshire will be able to learn new skills, and take an active part in the conservation of our shared heritage."

Liz Bates, Historic Buildings Manager for Heritage Lincolnshire added, "We are thrilled that the Heritage Lottery Fund is supporting this project and we are looking forward to relaunching the scheme in 2010."

Thanks are due to other project partners and the volunteers we have recruited so far who have completed over 500 surveys since the summer 2009. All have contributed to the success of the project so far and we look forward to working with them over the next few years.

If you are interested in taking part as a Heritage Steward, please contact Bourne Preservation Society on 07825 515394, or direct to Heritage Lincolnshire on 01529 461499, mention our name if you call them direct.

Newsletter

We are always looking for ideas and opinions, this is your newsletter, please submit any items which you think others may be interested in, especially old pictures, or articles about Bourne, which we will feature in the newsletter, and on the website, remember to visit the site regularly, and please provide feedback on its' content to us ..

www.bournepreservationsociety.co.uk

Chapel Shrub Clearance

We have asked Bourne Town Council to allow us to start clearance of the 15' free space around the chapel, we will need volunteers to carry out this work. The work will be light, supervised, and you will be insured against all risks. This must take place during working hours on weekdays. If you would like to help, please contact us through any committee member, the website email addresses, or by calling 07825 515394



Video of your village?

Are you in one of Bourne's 'surrounding villages'? Would you like to assist in producing a very short video about your village? If you would like to highlight your village and see the video on the website please contact us through the usual numbers or by emailing the contacts on the website. If you don't do it, who will?



Fundraising

We are always on the look out for fundraising ideas, can you help? Do you have skills in this arena? We need to raise substantial amounts to support our aims, and would like to organise one major event each year. If you think you can help, please contact Cynthia on 01778 422097, Jack on 07825 515394 or any other committee member