

# BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER Jan/February 2011



**As this is our first issue of 2011, the committee would like to wish all our members and friends a very Happy, Healthy, and Peaceful New Year.**

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### Comment

I hope that you have noticed that the November/December edition of the newsletter was not published. This was due to it having been held awaiting the chapel covenant decision that we were promised by Lincoln Diocese that never materialised, however we have just received that decision from them and a report on that is included elsewhere in this issue. By way of an apology for the missing issue, we have included a small supplement which relates the chapel project history, I hope you enjoy reading it. Bourne Town Council received our Architects report at the end of November and have formed a small working party to assess it, and its implications for the Council, we eagerly await the outcome of their first meeting (to which we are not invited!) You can find coverage of that report elsewhere in this issue.

I hope you will support our Sausage and Mash night this month, the proceeds will go into society funds and that is a necessary part of running the Society, so please get your tickets now from Cynthia Graham, find the details above right. On May 16th we will be having an evening walk as a joint event with Heritage Lincolnshire, this may include a visit to the Abbey Church, with information by their ecclesiastical buildings expert, followed by a short presentation at Wake House, so please put that date in your diaries, I am sure it will be one not to miss.

I hope you will continue to support our events, and let us all work together to ensure that 2011 is a year to remember in the progress of our Society.

Jack Slater Chairman

### February member's night

#### 21st February - SAUSAGE AND MASH NIGHT

Come along enjoy something a little different to our usual night, your support will help us raise some funds for the society.

Get your tickets from Cynthia Graham on 01778 422097 before the night to enable us to cater correctly, then be at the Baxter Room at Wake House, North Street, Bourne, at 7.30pm.

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#### UK Association of Preservation Trusts

Diseworth Heritage Centre in Derbyshire was the location of the quarterly meeting, held last December, that we attended. The restored 1752 Baptist Chapel is a perfect example of what a local group can achieve, the building was an appropriate venue. Many speakers addressed the all day seminar, the most important one for us being the HLF, Heritage Lottery Fund, who stood out from the rest by announcing that for the next 5 years they will have *MORE* money to give out, due to increased lottery sales and changes by government to increase the percentage to be given to 'Heritage' projects.



#### New committee member?

Do you think you would like to be a little more involved with the Society? Would you be interested in joining our committee? You could make a difference to your town or village by bringing your ideas to us.

# Trust NEWS



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## Old Bourne Grammar School

Originally named as 'The Free Grammar School of King Charles in the Town of Bourn and County of Lincoln, of the Foundation of William Trollope, gentleman' is a Grade II listed building that the Trust has always had its eye on, and now we have written to Bourne Educational Foundation to investigate if there is a possibility of meeting with them to discuss any options that there may be for the Trust to restore it. It is a challenging building nestling beside the Abbey Church in as much as access to the site is limited, and pedestrian only, however we feel that a beneficial use can be found for it, and the building is an important one in Bourne's history, and must be saved. We will keep you up to date with any progress that is made in setting up that meeting.

## Charity Registration

Our application is with the Charities Commission and is being progressed, we hope that this will be completed soon.

## The Trust

The Trust is operated by its six trustees, who are also directors of it., and although your membership card says 'Bourne Preservation Society', think of yourself as a member of both organisations, as, by being a member of the Society, you are also supporting the work of the Trust, we need you to be there. The Preservation Trust will only deal with historic building restoration, and if you would like to be involved and take an active part in the Trust, by becoming a Trustee, we will be pleased to discuss this with you.



## Old Bourne Grammar School

Originally constructed in 1678, the building is listed at Grade II standard. The Education Alliance have carefully protected the building but funds do not exist for it's restoration.

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## The Chapel Lease

We have provided our response to our solicitor, and are awaiting confirmation from him that these have been incorporated into the draft lease which will then be forwarded by him to the Council's solicitor.

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## Trust Branding!

Is there anybody out there with an artistic flair? We need to have a logo designed which will publicise the Trust in the correct way, we would like it to be historic but modern, a clash there you might think, but if you are artistic you will know what that entails. See your design accepted for our letterheads and jackets, etc. Email the usual address or ring 07825 515394

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## Chapel Covenant update

We have now been told that a response has been received by Bourne Town Council to their request to have the covenant on the south chapel, held by Lincoln Diocese, lifted. We understand that there are still restrictions applied which affect our plans, however we have not yet seen the document, and therefore must wait until that happens before commenting further. We will continue to explore all avenues to ensure that the building is restored, and hope that the covenant issue will soon be successfully resolved. We continue to move the project forward, and believe that Bourne Town Council do want to see this project happen, they have as yet, however, been unable to resolve differences amongst council members to enable Council support.

## **Council Trees Project at the Chapel**

Following over 150 hours of voluntary work by Society members at the chapel last summer, Bourne Town Council engaged a tree surgeon to assess the trees surrounding the building. As a result of that survey, work has been carried out by them to cut back and remove some of the trees and shrub still remaining. Although this work does not satisfy the points in both their own survey, and that of our own survey, this is progress and we welcome it. We will, however, continue to press for trees and shrubs which endanger or affect the structure of the building to be fully removed. See the pictures below that show the building at the start of February 2011.

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## **Architects Report on the Chapel**

In late November we received the condition report which our architect, Carl Andrews, produced following his visit to the chapel in mid September. His report confirmed the status reported to us by Mr. Ed Morton of the Morton Partnership, who visited the site for us in 2009.

It confirms that the work required to restore this building to its former condition is significantly less than that which Bourne Town Council stated when it went to the residents of Bourne with its much criticised survey in 2008. Structurally the building is sound, however the roof does need to be removed and restored, a situation that we have been aware of from the beginning of the project. Much work is necessary to the windows also, but the remainder is pretty much cosmetic and decorative.

Of course there are challenges, some decorative stonework that we have identified, has been missing for many years, and some elements may be troublesome to obtain, but the project would be a straightforward one.

Let us hope that the working party set up by BTC, genuinely have the interests of Bourne and its residents at heart, and can work together with us in a positive way to get the project rolling. It is no use advertising Bourne as a 'historic town' when you won't look after its history!

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## **Market Stall**

Four times every year we meet the general public on our market stall at the Thursday market here in Bourne. Would you like to come along and chat to interested people about our town and the Society. We obtain the market stall free from South Kesteven District Council as a charity and try to put it to good use by informing people about our town. Do you think you could engage people about Bourne and the work that we are trying to do within it? Maybe you could produce a leaflet about your village, or provide the information to enable us to produce it. Maybe you have an interest in something local to our town or any of the many villages surrounding it. Maybe you have a fundraising idea that we could use on the stall. If you would like to help on one of our stall days, please let us know. We are on the stall from 9.00am until 12.00 approximately, usually dependent on weather! Contact Cynthia on 01778 422097 or the society number 07825 515394.

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## Next Members Night

**Subject - Sausage and Mash Night  
Monday, 21st February, at 7.30pm**

Come along to Wake House, North Street, Bourne, and enjoy what food we have for you.  
Get your tickets before the night from Cynthia Graham on 01778 422097  
or you may be disappointed

**All welcome Members £4, Non-members £5**

### Did you know?

You can see this newsletter in colour on the Society's website. If you are willing to read it online, please notify us by sending an email to [info@bournepreservationsociety.co.uk](mailto:info@bournepreservationsociety.co.uk)

Reading it online means you save our printing and distribution costs and also assist in reducing our carbon footprint, all these things are in the best interests of the Society .. and the planet.

### Rex Needle

Rex has been very supportive of the Society, and keenly watches our progress, but do you know of Rex and his magnificent website? Rex is number one historian of our town and its satellite villages, have a look at his website you will find it amazing.  
<http://homepages.which.net/~rex/bourne/>

### Open Day for Lincoln Diocese

Our Vice-chairman, James Wherry is holding an open garden event for the benefit of Lincoln Diocese on May 1st, and Bourne Preservation Society have accepted James's generous offer to enable us to cater for the event, with those profits benefitting the Society.

We will be looking for volunteers to assist on the day, and for donations of food, goods, even cash donations that will help us with this event. Everything you donate, be it goods, services or funds, will enable us to build on that to make a handsome return for the Society.

Please help us, contact us through the usual contacts

### The History of the Chapel?

We are trying to build a picture of the chapel's history, in words and picture, and ask for your help in finding old photographs, documents, or information on any event, especially any showing any aspect of a service inside the chapel, or within the cemetery, or anything capturing the style and character of the period. Have you an interesting story relating to a relative or friend buried there, that you would like to submit

### Town Walk

May 16th, write it in your diary. We are currently working with Heritage Lincolnshire to organise another local short walk. We are hoping to get into the Abbey Church, where we hope to have an expert on ecclesiastical buildings from Heritage Lincolnshire to tell you all about the building. We will finish with a hort presentation and a cup of tea/coffee at Wake House.

### Members Required - No Experience Necessary!

Have you friends who may be interested in joining the Society? Show them our website ..... [www.bournepreservationsociety.co.uk](http://www.bournepreservationsociety.co.uk) ..... and bring them along to one of our meetings.

### Video of your village?

If you would like to highlight your village, and see it featured on our website, please contact us through the usual numbers, or by emailing the contacts on the website.

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