

BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER July/August 2010

Comment

Welcome to the Latest edition of the Society's newsletter. A lot has happened over the past two months, and the Trust has made good progress with the chapel project. I hope you have been following the progress of our ground clearance work at the chapel, on our website, but if you haven't, you can see pictures inside this edition.

We now have an architect on board from a firm in Worksop, Nottinghamshire. He will be coming down this month to do the necessary work in providing a building status report which we will need for our grant application, he will also indicate costs where appropriate, this will be a very useful step forward.

Langleys Solicitors, in Lincoln is where we now have a solicitor on board to help us with the lease negotiations with Bourne Town Council. This will be immensely useful, particularly as he is not from the area, and must therefore be considered 'neutral' by BTC.

Following a minor disruption recently, which you may have seen in the local press, by Cllr. Brian Fines, who tried to introduce a measure to disrupt the progress of the chapel project, we are now back on track to continue the good work in progress before this issue arose. Cllr. Fines lost the vote at the last full meeting of BTC and therefore it is 'business as usual'. Cllr. Fines did, however, compliment the society on the work we have done around the chapel, and insisted that he generally supported the project.

This month's speaker is shown on the right, so please come along, support the society, and enjoy an evening out with your friends, we have a wide and varied program this year, and £1 for an evening out with a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit or two, is good value for money (£2 non-members).

Jack Slater Chairman

Dates for your diary

20th September - Joanne Hussey - Joanne is from Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, and will tell us about the Service

Next Month, 18th October - Jack Slater - 'Bourne - Historic Fenland Town'

Both events take place in the Baxter Room at Wake House, starting at 7.30pm on the dates shown.

Town Centre Planters

Our planters have received many comments since we have been caring for them, they have brightened the day for many people. Throughout the summer they have added colour to West Street, and we are grateful to our members who have cared for them so regularly.



Newsletter Update

Please see the article on the back page relating to future newsletters.

Congratulations

Well done to member Joyce Stevenson who had her article on the old Bourne Grammar School published in the Heritage at Risk monthly newsletter last month. Heritage at Risk is a 3 year project run by Heritage Lincolnshire, who we actively support.

Next Member Meeting

Subject - Lincolnshire Fire Service- by Joanne Hussey

Monday, 20th September, at 7.30pm

Come along to Wake House , North Street, Bourne, and hear Joanne Hussey's presentation on the Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue Service.

All welcome Members £1, Non-members £2



Bourne Preservation Trust is a Private Limited Company, Limited by Guarantee, formed in May of this year to move forward with our plans to restore the chapel. Our application to become a charity is about to be submitted and we hope that we will achieve this status quickly. We have applied to become members of the UK Association of Preservation Trusts, the representative body for building preservation trusts.



**BOURNE
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TRUST**

The Trust will be operated by its six trustees, who will be directors of it. The Preservation Society will continue in the same manner as it has always done, and you will continue to be members of the Society. The Society will continue to be involved in contributing to the benefit of the town, by way of conservation, education, planning and any other issue which will benefit the town. The Preservation Trust will deal with historic building restoration, and is classed as a 'Building Preservation Trust'. If you would like to be involved and take an active part in the Trust, we will be pleased to hear from you.

Once we have achieved registered charity status, we will apply to the Architectural Heritage Fund for an Options Appraisal Grant (we have had discussions with them), and this, together with the grant offered to us by Bourne Town Council, will fund the necessary professional work to produce the final project plans which will form the basis of the 'go-ahead' decision by both the Trust and the Council. As mentioned elsewhere we now also have an architect and solicitor working with us on the project.



Keep an eye out for our Bourne Preservation Trust branded hard hats (left), now seen regularly at the cemetery chapel on the heads of our 'Project Cleanup' volunteers.

Gothic Victorian, do you know what that describes?

Bourne cemetery chapel design is described as Gothic Victorian. Gothic architecture emerged after the period known as Romanesque (1066-1160) and existed as the dominant style in major buildings in Britain and France until around 1550 when it was followed by the style known as Elizabethan and Jacobean, this style existed between about 1550-1625. The Victorian period did not happen until around 1830 and lasted until around 1900, and started the process of mass production, largely due to the Industrial Revolution. The Victorian era was responsible for reviving previous building designs, and the descriptive term Gothic Victorian, as applied to our cemetery chapel, simply means Gothic design built in the Victorian era.

Website

Please remember to keep visiting our website, it is always a challenge to place interesting and informative information on it.

If you have any information or suggestions to add to the Society website, please let us have them?

Project Clearup

Volunteers from the society have now been working at the chapel since 10th May, clearing overgrown ground, shrubs and small buildings. Work will end at the end of September, but is dependent on the weather for a final finish date. Below you can see some pictures showing clearly the progress made. If you would like to help round off the sessions this month, all you need to do is to turn up, with a pair of gardening gloves, on the advertised days, see below. You can give as little or as much time as you wish, and the work can be as light or as heavy as you feel comfortable doing. To date we have recorded 139 hours of work there, this not only benefits Project Clearup, but is recorded and will count as Trust finances when we are in a position to apply for grant funding, so you will be helping us in two ways.

September sessions - 7th, 10th, 21st & 24th which will be our last session there this year.

Below you can see some of the changes made, start pictures on the left, end result on the right.



Above you can see what the area around the chapel looks like after the work done so far.

Our plans

The Trust has outlined it's plans for the area surrounding the chapel to Bourne Town Council, plans which we hope they will embrace. The lease, in it's current form, gives control, only of the building to BPT, the immediate area around it will remain in the control of BTC. We would like to erect a 3' open railing around the 15' clearance area, to be landscaped to grass, with a path around the perimeter of the building. This enclosed area to contain donated benches, in keeping with current practice, and be an area for reflection, and also for the placing of flowers following a funeral. This highlights the chapel, and gives it it's rightful place at the entrance to the cemetery

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Charity Stall

On September 23rd we will have our regular three monthly stall on the Thursday market. Come along and have a chat and see what we get up to there. We are hoping for some good weather as we are pretty good at being there on cold, wet and windy days .. a market life is not an easy one!

TV program about Bourne?

Cllr. Helen Powell is organising the production of a TV program covering our town, the program is being produced by the Robert Manning College, and several of our members will be preparing information for, and appearing in it. Look out for more details soon.

Lincolnshire CVS

Society chairman, Jack Slater, met with our new representative from Lincolnshire Community Volunteer Service, Ruth Baldry, recently, to register the Trust's details with them, and to discuss the availability of grants which are available for our future requirements. CVS were already in the process of guiding us through required legislation to make the Trust 'grant ready', there are many policies we have to adopt. The Preservation Society are already members of CVS, who have been very helpful to us, and many of our contacts have been made at their 'funding fairs'.

Have you any Photos?

We are looking for historic photos of the chapel, especially any showing any aspect of a service inside the chapel, or within the cemetery, showing the style of the period.

Interested?

BPS/BPT would like more members to join our committee, could that person be you?

Video of your village?

We have now had interest from Aslackby in preparing a short video of their village ... early stages yet but very encouraging.

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.

IMPORTANT

Newsletter and communications

In the best interests of the society, and to help our eco-friendly approach to life in general, we would like to send out your monthly newsletter by email in 'pdf' format. The benefit to you is that you will receive the newsletter in colour, the benefit to us is a reduction in the costs of producing and delivering it to you. We are also intending to start sending out a fortnightly email update on what is happening in the society.

If you have internet access, and are willing to receive these items by email, would you please email us at info@bournepreservationsociety.co.uk to indicate this, this will also ensure that we have your up to date email address.

Members please!

Have you friends or acquaintances who are interested in the preservation of our town? Show them our website and bring them along to one of our meetings.

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