

# **BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY**

## **NEWSLETTER March/April 2010**

### **Comment**

Firstly I would like to apologise for the lateness of this newsletter, it should have been out three weeks ago but it has been held up to enable me to give you an up to date report on the incorporation of Bourne Preservation Trust, unfortunately I am still unable to do that as we continue to play tit for tat with Companies House over minor imperfections in the Architectural Heritage Fund's documents, which unfortunately we did not draw up, however that application continues to move forward, please watch the website for the latest news.

Last month we enjoyed a presentation by PC Steve Smith of Lincolnshire Police. It was a very enjoyable evening, the only concern on the night was the low turnout. It is disappointing that more members and friends do not attend events, our numbers were climbing well last year, but need to be higher than those for last month or we will have to reconsider our program. It costs the society to put on these events, so please come along and enjoy an evening out and bring 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 is good value for money (£2 non-members).

Operation Clearup starts in May at the chapel, we would like volunteers who can give some time in weekdays to assist us to clear the shrubs, brickwork, etc from around the chapel. Please don't wait for others to do it, pick the phone up and volunteer, it will be work, but we will make it enjoyable. It also helps fund our funding appeals as your hours can be counted as contribution to funding from BPS, you help in more ways than one. Jack Slater Chairman

### **Dates for your diary**

17th May - Ian Robinson - Galletly Medical Practice Manager will talk about the history of the Practice

21st June - John Scholes - Steamed Up A Presentation on Steam Railways

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

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### **Last month's members night**

PC Steve Smith provided us with a very interesting evening at the March member's evening, and lots of laughs too. PC Smith explained the operation of Lincolnshire Police, the problems it faces, and his 36 years in the force. He displayed the different uniforms he had worn, and much of the equipment used, from batons to radios. It really was a very enjoyable evening, and whilst the job of the police is often difficult, PC Smith recounted many amusing moments that he had had during his long career. If you were not there, you missed a great night!

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### **Bourne Preservation Trust**

As mentioned left, these documents are being traded currently between us and Companies House with minor imperfections in the new documents received from Companies House being ironed out, we hope to receive our certificate of incorporation soon. Details on progress will be posted on the website.

## Next Member Meeting

### Subject - Galletly Medical Practice

Monday, 17th May, at 7.30pm

Come along to Wake House , North Street, Bourne, and hear Mr. Ian Robinson, Practice Manager of the Galletly Medical Practice, tell us about the history of the Galletly Practice, and Dr. John Galletly, the man who started the long Galletly family association with the people of Bourne.

**All welcome Members £1, Non-members £2**

### Membership

We are very grateful to all of you who renewed your membership this month, and we would like to say thank you for the speed of your renewals, you will find your membership details enclosed. If you have not yet sent in your renewal, we look forward to receiving it soon. As a new society we need, always, to recruit members to grow the society and increase the number of projects that it can undertake, if you are aware of a friend or family member who you think may like to join, please give them all the encouragement they need. If you would like to join our committee, and be active within the society, please contact us.

### 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.

### 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 Cleanup

Free the chapel! We will be starting clearance of the 15' free space around the chapel this month, and need volunteers to help carry out this work. The work can be as light, or as heavy, as you wish to do. It will be supervised, and you will be insured against all risks. This must take place during working hours on weekdays, and the time given to the project will count towards the society's contribution to funding, as this voluntary work on the project can be accumulated as cash equivalent in this way. More information is available under 'Projects' on the website, however if you do not have access to the website, and would like to support this action, contact us through any committee member, or by calling 07825 515394



Examples of the work to be done, from shrub clearance to demolishing old brickwork



## Video of your village?



I cannot believe that nobody would like to see their village featured on our website, yet we have received no responses to our request for suggestions, so we ask again ..

- Do you live 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 it featured on our website, please contact us through the usual numbers or by emailing the contacts on the website. If you don't do it, who will?

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## Chapel Lease agreement

We have now received the first draft of this document from the council's solicitor. In general we are reasonably happy with most of the content, but some old chestnuts from the pre-lease (that we could not sign) are still there. Whilst we accept absolutely the location of the chapel, and the need for appropriate use of the building commensurate with its surroundings, a 99 year lease requires us to look many years into the future, and in this respect council restrictions of use do not take this into account. Also still in there, is the requirement for the society to meet the council's legal costs, we have stated absolutely that this will not happen, you might be of the opinion that BTC would be very happy to get the chapel off their hands, restored and re-opened, and that having caused the situation that the chapel is now in, they may wish to help correct it, however we will wait and see if these main concerns are removed. The council is awash with unspent taxpayers funds, there is no reason for them to insist on this. There are other concerns however these are less major. We outline progress at the monthly events, and we will also keep you updated on our progress through the newsletter and website.

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## Supper Dance

We have tickets to sell for the Supper Dance to be held on May 8th at the Robert Manning College Hall (8pm to Midnight) in support of the project to produce two local heritage DVD's. The society is not involved with the project but are happy to provide our support for this excellent idea. Please ring 07825 515394 to book your ticket which must be paid for upon receipt. Ticket cost is £10 and includes a 2 course buffet supper.

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## Holbeach Cemetery Chapel

We will be meeting with the Holbeach Town Council group formed to carry out the restoration of Holbeach's cemetery chapel on May 14th. This will be an interesting and useful meeting to compare plans and progress of the two groups.

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## APT

The UK Association of Preservation Trusts, which is a representative body of building preservation trusts, have given us a grant of £250 towards the setting up of Bourne Preservation Trust. They have been very supportive of the society, and we are very grateful to them for this unexpected donation.

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## 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.

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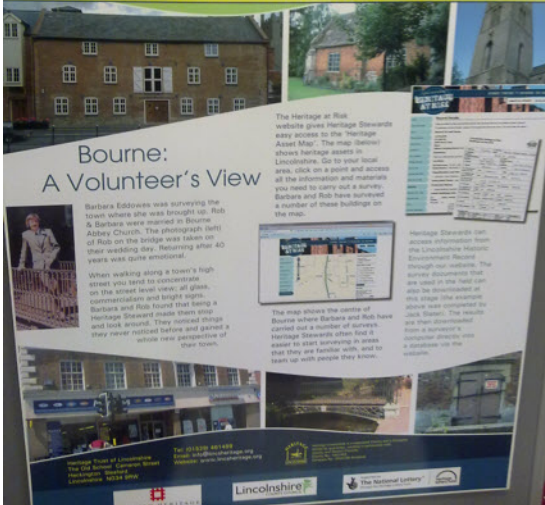


## Heritage Lincolnshire launches Heritage at Risk Project

The Petwood Hotel in Woodhall Spa was chosen as the venue to launch the Lincolnshire Heritage at Risk project, the full project is now underway, and will run for 3 years. Four of our society members have trained as Heritage Stewards to



carry out this voluntary work to record the status of listed buildings and archaeological sites across the county, over 5,000 in total. The pilot ran during the second half of last year and was very successful, this led to a grant of £300,000 from the Lottery Fund to run the full project.



Bourne features in the advertising literature as you can see on the left, and we played a significant part in the pilot project. Our Stewards find this an interesting and enjoyable opportunity, and we have learned much about our surroundings in the course of the training, and the carrying out of surveys.

You can commit whatever time you wish, from a few hours upwards a month, and if you are interested in taking part in the project by becoming a Heritage Steward, find out more by contacting Bourne

Preservation Society on 07825 515394, or ring Heritage Lincolnshire direct at their Heckington office on 01529 461499, mention our name if you call them direct.

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