

BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER May/June 2010

Comment

I am pleased to tell you that Bourne Preservation Trust was incorporated as a company on the 19th of May. We have been working towards this moment for quite some time, and it is a relief to have this completed now. On page two you will find a description of how this will operate, and what it means to the society.

Last month we were unfortunately unable to put on our advertised event due to the illness of Ian Robinson, our speaker from the Galletly Practice. We will seek to arrange this for a future date, however, on the night we showed the documentary film 'A Portrait of Bourne' which everyone enjoyed. This film was made in 1976 by Jeremy and Jane Perkins from Bourne, and gives an interesting insight into life in our town in the 1970's. This month's speaker is shown on the right, 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).

Project Clearup has started, and we have had six sessions at the chapel so far. Please help if you can, the sessions have been well attended so far, and much has been achieved, see page three for a description of work completed so far. It is work, but we do have a laugh and the time spent is very enjoyable.

We have now adopted the two planters in West Street, please see the article opposite.

Jack Slater Chairman

Dates for your diary

21st June - John Scholes - John's presentation will be on the Age of Steam Railways - 'Steamed Up'

Next Month, 19th July - Alan Mutton - 'From Football to Pension Rights'

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

Town Centre Planters

Following an appeal for 'adoptive parents' for the town centre planters, the Society has adopted the two which are situated in West Street, one outside the Baptist Church, and the other a little further down towards the market place. They have been planted up, and look very attractive, see below, however they do require to be watered every two days, so if you would like to give a little of your time to maintaining these two planters, we will be arranging a rota for this to be done. All that is required is a watering can full of water when it is your turn to do it, and a quick check of it's status to remove any litter which may have been put into it. Contact any committee member to put your name forward.



Next Member Meeting

Subject - Steamed Up- The Age of Steam Railways Monday, 21st June, at 7.30pm

Come along to Wake House , North Street, Bourne, and hear John Scholes's presentation on the Age of Steam Railways.

All welcome Members £1, Non-members £2

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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 have a wish to be directly involved, and take an active part in the Trust, have any particular skill you can offer, or merely have an interest in seeing this type of work undertaken in our area, 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.



Keep an eye out for our Trust hard hats, now seen regularly at the cemetery chapel on the heads of our 'Project Clearup' volunteers.

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

As reported on page one, work started at the chapel on the 14th May. Four members worked on that day to clear the ivy from the walls and windows of the building, also clearing an area at the north side, and to the rear of the north chapel. During following visits we have concentrated



on removing the brick, and also stone walls, next to the south wall of the chapel. When we managed to clear the outside wall we discovered a single toilet area behind it. It is thought that this toilet



was added in the 40's or 50's, and was used until the current toilets were built in the 60's. It certainly would not have been pleasant, a simple wooden plank seat, no water, no light, no drainage of any kind .. work the rest out for yourself! We have almost removed the block completely now, and this has opened up the south wall completely for the first time in around 70 years, so now you can photograph that lovely south wall with it's fine window without obstruction. There is still much work to be done, and the Council do not appear to be totally at one with us on what we wish to do to complete the work, however we are meeting with them on a regular basis now, and I believe that there is a genuine wish to move the project forward. That said I am sure that we will still have bridges to cross, but our presence there, at the chapel, I'm sure is letting them see that the intentions of the Society are good, and our practices are responsible. To help, 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. Your



time given, not only benefits Project Cleanup, 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.

Dates for Project Cleanup sessions.

- Tuesday 15th June : Friday 18th June
- Monday 21st June
- Tuesday 29th June ; Friday 2nd July
- Monday 5th July
- Tuesday 13th July : Friday 16th July

Just come along anytime from 1.30pm onwards, the sessions finish at 3.45pm weekdays and 3.30pm on Fridays, you can finish when you like. Bring your gardening gloves and a drink if it is hot.

ProHelp

We are currently processing a registration with the above body, which we hope will be able to provide services to us for the chapel project. ProHelp is an organisation that provides professionals to supply services free of charge to charitable groups such as ourselves. Once registered, we are hoping to obtain technical drawing and legal help from them. We discovered the service at a recent funding fair in Grantham, these fairs are very useful.

Holbeach Cemetery Chapel

We had a very good meeting last month with the Holbeach Town Council steering group which has been set up to carry out the restoration of Holbeach's cemetery chapel. We were able to provide guidance to them from our experiences so far, and we will keep in close touch with them. Holbeach Town Council are looking at forming a building preservation trust, such as ours, to carry out their project, which may be partly funded by local tax-payers.

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.

Know anyone who might be interested in joining BPS? Bring them along to our monthly meeting.

Video of your village?

We have now had one of our members come forward with an interest in helping produce a short documentary of their village. Come on, don't be shy, I am sure that others amongst you have a similar interest in promoting 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.

New Town Mayor

Representatives from the Society attended, by invitation, the service in the Abbey Church which confirms the status of the new town mayor, Cllr Mrs Pet Moisey. We believe we should support the Town Council, and will continue to work with them in bringing improvements to our town, we also hope that Cllr Mrs Moisey will recognise the benefit we will bring to our town with the restoration and return to use of our cemetery chapel. We wish her a successful year in office.

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