

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Society newsletter, we hope that you will enjoy reading it.

Discover Bourne

This Sunday, 6th December, Bourne Preservation Society has partnered with Heritage Lincolnshire to hold 'Discover Bourne', a walk around the inner part of the town explaining the history of the buildings and sites as we go. Taking part is free and the walk will leave from the front of the Town Hall in the Market Place at 10.30am. Come along, enjoy the walk, and find out more about the town.

Chairman's comment.

Well as we come to the end of our first full year, it is time to reflect on the events of that year. We have had a successful year. I believe that we have made a breakthrough towards the end of this year in relation to the cemetery chapel project. We have been working with The Architectural Heritage Fund, Heritage Lincolnshire, and Bourne Town Council to break the deadlock that existed on the project and this has been successful, we now have a way forward that is agreed by both parties, and meetings are taking place between us to progress the project, we are very pleased with that progress. We now have a letter of intent from Bourne Town Council. We have appeared on Bourne Market four times during the year, and these stalls raise the awareness of the population to our work, we also take part in other town events. I was very fortunate in attending the 3 day annual conference in Exeter of the UK Association of Building Preservation Trusts, that visit was helpful in gaining a wealth of information from presentations and workshops, but also in making contact with other Trusts. Our monthly meetings have also been popular, and we have had a wide variety of speakers and presentations, ranging from the leader of Lincolnshire County Council to a slideshow on England's Historic Canals. We have also gained new members throughout the year, and they are most welcome. Bourne Preservation Society is two years old in March .. And we are here to stay!
May I wish you all a Merry Christmas, and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year from all the committee members at BPS.



Next Member Meeting

Trip to Warners Printing Works

Monday, 18th January, at 7.30pm

There are limited places available for this visit so booking your place is necessary. Please let us know if you would like to go on this very interesting visit to the print works. We are very grateful to Warners for offering us this opportunity.

All welcome Members £1, Non-members £2

Last month's members night

Dr Michael McGregor provided us with a full evenings entertainment with his slideshow on Historic English Canals, an interest that he has pursued with his wife Margaret, and his children, for many years. It was an excellent presentation, and we really could have done with more time.

Dates for your diary

6th December - Discover Bourne - informative walk around the town (see box above left)

18th January - Members night (see top above) - A visit to Warners Printers 7.30pm

25th January - Committee meeting - Wake House - 7.30pm

Bourne Preservation Trust

We are still awaiting the revised model documents from the Architectural Heritage Fund to accompany 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. We have been told that they may be available in approximately two weeks .. So our fingers stay crossed.

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?

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Methodist Church Christmas Tree Festival

BPS entered a tree to this year's event, it is an excellent way of raising the profile of the Society, and a very nice event to be participating in. This was our second year at the festival and the theme of our tree was 'Historic Bourne'. We are very grateful to Anna Gregory for her work in preparing our tree, unfortunately Anna was ill and was unable to attend the festival to see the result of her hard work. Thank you Anna, we hope we did your plans justice, and we are pleased to hear you are getting back to normal again.



Chapel History

If you have, or know of, pictures, photographs, or any information on, or knowledge of, the cemetery chapel, those who worked in it, or those remembered in it, we would be interested to hear from you .

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Conservation Area Review

We have indirectly received a copy of the above document from SKDC for comment, and, as we had been given only a matter of 4 weeks to submit a response, we will be raising issue with SKDC regarding this, and requesting an extension on the 18th December deadline, to enable us to provide a fully considered response. It is around 30 years since this was last reviewed, we therefore think that an extension to allow considered comment is not an unreasonable request. If you would like a copy of this document, in pdf format, in order that you can respond to the proposals via Bourne Preservation Society, please email us at....
chairman@bournepreservationsociety.co.uk

We offered to work with SKDC in producing this document, but were never contacted on it's preparation, and as such we are disappointed with the lack of local representation requested by SKDC in it's production.

Help Please

Our February members evening will be a 'Sausage and Mash' night, and we would like to find out if any members have a hot-plate that they could loan to the Society for that evening on February 15th. We can collect it from you and will return it to you the following day. Unfortunately Wake House no longer have facilities for cooking or heating food therefore we have to meet that requirement ourselves. We would be very grateful if you are able to assist. If you are planning to attend this night, which will be a fund raiser for the Society, please book your ticket as soon as possible. Tickets are £5 and this is payable with your request, it will be a good night, please support your Society.

Publicity

Our stall at the market in Bourne on Thursday 3rd December was well received by the market traders in particular, as this year we repeated our actions of last Christmas by giving all the traders a mince pie, and a glass of hot mulled wine to those who wanted it (and were not driving!). Similarly we offered this to members of the public and many of them enjoyed our hospitality. These stalls are a useful way for us to engage with the general public who would otherwise not be aware of our existence and what we are trying to achieve for the town. Pictured above, with a now almost empty stall, are Robert Kitchener, Cynthia Graham and Jack Slater, braving the cold morning air!



Heritage Lincolnshire's pilot project '*Heritage at Risk*', documenting historic buildings, sites, and open spaces in our county, is nearing completion, and the funding bid for the full project is in place with Heritage Lottery, and has been well received by them. The main project will run from 2010-2012, and if you would like to find out more about becoming a Heritage Steward and how take part in this project, get further details from the Society on 07825 515394, or direct from Heritage Lincolnshire on 01529 461499, mention our name if you call them direct.