

BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER Nov/December 2011

Comment

Well here we are at the last newsletter of 2011, and looking forward to all the good things that Christmas brings in so many different ways. I hope that this Christmas will be a good one for all of our members and friends, and would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



One of the many things we do at Christmas, is to remember the past, and of course that is also the aim of the Preservation Society. Not only do we want to remember the past, but we also want to keep it alive, and bring as much of it back as we are able, and we do that in many ways. Look out for our forthcoming leaflet on the Bourne Conservation Area that we are currently finalising with South Kesteven District Council.

The Cemetery chapel project is still on hold awaiting the details of the meeting being organised by the Diocese of Lincoln to discuss the lifting of the covenant that they hold on the buildings use. Bourne Town Council have again written to them requesting that the meeting be held quickly and the covenant be lifted.

Come along to our December meeting and have a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, and a bit of fun with our annual Christmas Quiz, it will set the scene for Christmas week.

Our January guest speaker is Fiona Hopper, who will tell us the story of Hoppers Jewellers in North Street, a long term family business in Bourne, come along and be entertained then. Details of both events are on the front and back pages of this newsletter.

As we close 2011, I hope that I will be writing to you all again throughout 2012, and that both the Society and the Trust will continue to progress their projects with your support.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Jack Slater, Chairman

December member's night

**Monday, 19th December -
Christmas Quiz Night**

Come along and enjoy a bit of fun before Christmas

Join us in the Baxter Room at
Wake House, North Street, Bourne,
at 7.30pm.

members £1 : non-members £2
Mulled wine & mince pie included

Flower Planters

We reported that the Town Council had finally agreed to provide plaques on the town planters acknowledging the support of organisations and individuals who maintained them throughout the year. We

are happy to report that one is now in place on one of our planters, and it is reproduced here.



This is a victory for your Society, we raised the idea and pushed it to conclusion successfully, now visitors can see the involvement that town groups have in keeping our town centre looking cared for.

New Bourne DVD

Get it for Christmas. Details overleaf or from our website. Seventy one minutes of information about Bourne.

Produced by Helen Powell, and edited by Bourne Academy, it tells the story of 'Famous Sons of Bourne'

£10 post&packing free





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The Chapel Lease

No change to the lease situation, it still sits with Bourne Town Council's solicitor, as they (BTC) refuse to move it forward whilst the covenant is unresolved, this should be going ahead in parallel with these negotiations.



The Old Bourne Grammar School - latest

Originally constructed in 1626, the building is listed at Grade II standard. The Bourne Education Foundation have carefully protected the building but funds do not exist for it's restoration. Several attempts have been made by them to find a solution to the buildings future, but up to now, none have been successful. In February of

this year we wrote to the foundation asking if they would be prepared to meet with us to discuss the building's future, but we received no response. It then appeared that there were issues around the organisation of the Foundation and we were advised to write to the chairman of the governors at Bourne Grammar School as current administrators of the Foundation. We did write to them, however, this has not yielded a response either to this date. It is very disappointing that this cannot be moved forwards, as this building is a very important one in the town's history, and it also fits very well into the 'tourist' centre of Bourne. The Old Grammar School could make a significant contribution to the attractiveness of Bourne to tourists, enhancing what we already have. Hopefully we will receive a response soon.

Cemetery Chapel - latest



There has been no communication from the Diocese of Lincoln regarding the meeting that they offered to arrange to find a solution to the issue of the covenant that they hold on the use of the cemetery chapel building. Bourne Town Council has again written to them requesting that the covenant be removed, but at this point we are unable to provide any further news. We had hoped to have had the situation resolved by now, as we cannot move forward with fundraising plans until this is resolved.



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The Heritage of Bourne and some of its World Famous Sons



Some time ago, local councillor Helen Powell raised the support for a project to produce a DVD about Bourne which would feature as one of a series of history programs on SKY television. Unfortunately some of the funding was withdrawn and therefore the opportunity to be a part of the series collapsed. Undaunted however, Helen managed to persuade the artist to take part anyway and engaged the Bourne Academy students to film and edit the program. Now enlarged somewhat to 71 minutes, the DVD contains much information about some of the famous people from our town. The DVD is sold for the benefit of three of the Bourne charities who are working to maintain the history of the town, of which our organisation, Bourne Preservation Trust is one, the other two are the Civic Society, and the Bourne Arts and Community Trust

You can purchase the DVD from our website, or at one of our monthly member nights, the next one being the coming Monday 19th December just in time for Christmas!

The cost is £10 and if ordered online postage and packing is free.

Website

Please remember to keep visiting our website, it is there for your information and enjoyment.

If you have any information or suggestions to add to the website, please let us have your contributions by letter or email?

Conservation in Bourne

Operating under the banner of Bourne Preservation Society, one of our members, Anthony Jennings, has been working with S.K.D.C. to produce a guide to building conservation in the town's conservation area. The conservation area encompasses most of the central part of the town, and there are limits on the changes that can be made to shop fronts etc. in that area. It is fair to say that this has not been properly supervised by the authorities in the past, and we would like to do all we can to retain the character we still have, and perhaps persuade owners and tenants to restore, in time, the features that have been wrongfully removed. The character of our high street, and therefore the attractiveness of our town, depends on much of this local distinctiveness being retained. We hope that this leaflet will be available in January for distribution within the conservation area.

Bequests

Bourne Preservation Trust exists to restore, and find new uses for, historic or important buildings in our town and surrounding area. As a registered charity we can accept bequests from those who wish to see this work carried out. If you are aware of any options for this, please encourage that support, we have to raise significant funds for the chapel project and bequests of any size are most welcome, and, of course, due recognition would be given to anyone making a bequest.

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January Members Night

**A History of Hoppers Jewellers
Presented by Fiona Hopper**

**Monday, 16th January, at 7.30pm
Wake House, North Street, Bourne**

**All welcome - non-members £2
Includes tea/coffee**

Last Month's Members Night

Nigel Adams gave us a very interesting, and entertaining presentation on L.I.V.E.S., the Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergency Service. So successful has this wonderful organisation been, that it is now being used as a model for other counties to adopt. Information on how to use a de-fibrillator was given, and correct use of CPR was also demonstrated. Nigel has offered to return and give instruction on CPR and we hope to bring this to you as part of next year's program. CPR has proven to be a life saving procedure that anyone can provide with just a little instruction, how could you miss that opportunity? And how would you feel if you knew you could have helped save someone's life, if only you had known how? Find out how to support them on our website.



Next Bourne Town Council Open Forum

The Open Forum meeting is your chance to comment directly to, or to raise issues with, Bourne Town Council. The next full meeting of BTC which includes an open forum will be held on 10th January at 7.30pm, in the Corn Exchange. If you have a project to suggest, or a grievance to air, this is the time and place to do it, come along and make your point.

New Release from Rex Needle

The story of Bourne in old photographs is the subject of a new photo presentation on DVD.



It contains over 200 pictures from an archive of historic pictures built up over the past 12 years by Rex. The pictures were taken by local photographers such as Joseph Flatters, Richard Bertolle, William Redshaw and Ashby

Swift, whose work has survived to provide an evocation of yesteryear, recording people, places and events to show the way things were.

The DVD is entitled Bourne in Past Times and illustrates how the town has been transformed with a glimpse of the changing appearance of our streets and buildings and recording some of the major events such as royal celebrations, parades and gatherings that influenced the life of the community.

The disc runs for one hour with music accompaniment. It has already been shown to members of our two heritage organisations, Bourne Civic Society and Bourne Preservation Trust, and is now being made available to a wider public.

Priced at £9.99 it can be obtained from the usual outlets in town, or from Rex's website at www.bourne-lincs.org.uk/books.htm

Village Video Progress

We have now filmed a very short profile of Aslackby which we are just putting together, watch out for it on the website soon

The History of the Chapel

We are trying to build a picture of the chapel's history, have you old photographs, documents, or information on any event there, especially 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?

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