

BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER Sep/October 2010

Comment

Welcome to the latest edition of the Society's newsletter. A lot has happened over the past couple of months, and the Trust has continued to make progress with the chapel project. I hope you followed the progress of our ground clearance work on the website, but if you didn't, there are some pictures on page 3 to let you see the end results of phase one.

Progress on the lease continues. We have received the draft response from our solicitor, Langleys of Lincoln, which we are now responding to, and we hope that this will soon be with the town council.

We are also awaiting the building status report from our architect, following his visit to the building in September. He made certain recommendations following his inspection and these were passed on to Bourne Town Council, who have acknowledged them. We are expecting his report at any time.

We were sorry to see the departure of Cllr. Brian Fines as a member of Bourne Town Council, following his disagreement with us, however councillors must realise that we will hold them to account for the comments they make, and decisions they take, whilst carrying out their tasks, to ensure that decisions taken are in the best interests of our town and it's council tax paying residents.

We attended a meeting with the council on 5th October, however it was obvious to us, on seeing the agenda, that no good would come of the meeting, and we were correct, it was just another BPS bashing meeting. Members of Bourne Town Council need to put their biases and egos to one side and start to make decisions in the interests of Bourne, they are not in touch will public opinion.

Please come along and support the pre-Christmas meeting and have a bit of fun.

Jack Slater Chairman

Date for your diary

20th December - It's Christmas! -

Come along and start Christmas week with us, sample some Christmas fare and enjoy our Christmas Quiz

This event takes place in the Baxter Room at Wake House, starting at 7.30pm on the date shown.

Town Centre Planters

We have received a letter of thanks from Bourne Town Council for the contribution made by our planters to the success of the town's entry into the 'East Midlands in Bloom' contest. Bourne won the category of 'Best Town' in the East Midlands Towns Category.

The planters have now been re-planted for the winter, with a mixture of winter flowers, and you can see them at planting time below.



Newsletter Update

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

New committee member?

We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Michael McGregor onto our committee, and we hope that he will enjoy being a part of our organisation. Michael loves our town, who hasn't read his book or seen his slideshows? We are sure that he will make a significant contribution to the future of the Society.

Next Members Night

**Subject - It's Christmas- Christmas Quiz and fare
Monday, 20th December, at 7.30pm**

Come along to Wake House , North Street, Bourne, and get into the Christmas spirit.



All welcome Members £1, Non-members £2



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Bourne Preservation Trust is now a full member of The UK Association of Preservation Trusts, confirmation of our acceptance as a member of this organisation was received last month, and we are very pleased to be in receipt of that. Charity registration remains our only goal yet to be achieved, and this is currently being progressed. As a private limited company, limited by guarantee, we will be able to undertake any activity necessary as a building preservation trust, and membership of APT ensures we have the best guidance and opportunities that are available. APT are also connected to the Architectural Heritage Fund, and this is the body that we hope will provide most of the finance for the Options Appraisal that we are working towards.

The Trust is the business means to achieving our aims of building preservation, whether that be the chapel building or any other that we decide to undertake in the future. You are supporting that work by remaining a member of the Preservation Society, and we will continue to report the work of the Trust, with that of the Society, in this newsletter, and at the monthly member nights. The Preservation Society will continue to take part in non building related activities, such as, for example, our current significant documented input to the town's conservation area review, currently being carried out by SKDC. The Trust is operated by its six trustees, who are also directors of it. Although your membership card says 'Bourne Preservation Society', think of yourself as a member of both organisations, as, by being a member of the Society, you are also supporting the work of the Trust, we need you to be there. The Preservation Trust will only deal with historic building restoration, and if you would like to be involved and take an active part in the Trust, by becoming a Trustee, we will be pleased to discuss this with you.

Bourne Town Council recently approved a tree surgeons report relating to the cutting back and felling of some of the trees and shrubs surrounding the chapel building. We are pleased that this has been accepted by them and look forward to seeing the result when this work has been completed. It is important that the building is not adversely affected by tree damage, whether by roots, branches or shade.

The lease document provided to us by BTC's solicitors, has been assessed by our solicitors, and their suggested response is now with us. Our comments have been collated and are soon to be communicated back to them, whereupon the document will then be forwarded again to the council's solicitors, and I am sure that a further meeting will then be convened by BTC to discuss it.

Our plans for the chapel, include in our specification, the use of eco-friendly 'green' technology, it is our intension to install a heating system using ground source heat pump technology, this has the benefit of being much less expensive to operate, but will also maintain the building at a relatively constant temperature. This has obvious benefits to users of the building, but is also tremendously beneficial to the preservation of such an old building.

Project Clear-up Phase 1 Completed

From early May, until early October, volunteers from the society worked at the chapel clearing shrubs, brickwork and small buildings. We have now finished for the season, the ground is not really suitable now, however, during our time there we clocked up over 160 hours of volunteer labour, and the difference we made is easy to see. There are a few pictures below which show how it looks now. Much work remains to be done and we hope that by Spring, we will have agreed a further action plan with our town council to enable that work to continue. Have we had any formal thanks for that work?, well you know the answer to that!



Chapel History

More information can be found on the website detailing the history and listing of the chapel. Bourne historian, Mr. Rex Needle, has kindly provided the society with two booklets that you can read on, or download from our site at www.bournepreservationsociety.co.uk

Mince Pies Please

Could you help us by providing a dozen or so mince pies for our market stall, and also for our December members night? Please let Cynthia know if you are able to do this on 01778 422097 They can be home made or bought. Each year we distribute mince pies and mulled wine to all the market stallholders, and members of the public that stop by our stall. It is a great goodwill gesture and is appreciated by all. These events are on the 16th and the 20th of December.

Future Member Nights

We try to present a variety of subjects and speakers that we feel will appeal to most people, and to date these have worked out very well indeed, but this is your chance to tell us if you have a subject or person that you would like us to invite to address one of our members nights for the next membership year starting April. We have lots of ideas at the moment and are starting to consider final choices, so let any committee member have your ideas, or 07825515394, or the website.

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Market stall at Christmas

On December 16th we will have our regular three monthly stall on the Thursday market. Come along and see us, and have a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie to put you in that Christmas mood.

Members required - no experience necessary!

Have you friends who may be interested in joining the Society? Show them our website

www.bournepreservationsociety.co.uk

....and bring them along to one of our meetings.

Newsletter and communications

How GREEN can we be?

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 to you. The benefit to you is that you will receive the newsletter in colour, the benefit to us is a reduction in the costs, and time, 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.

Video of 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.

2011 Census

This will take place next summer, and if you are interesting in taking part in this please contact 0845 304 0960. Positions are paid, and there are three types of work offered. Either ring the number above if you do not have Web access, or have a look at their website www.censusjobs.co.uk

The History of the Chapel?

We are trying to build a picture of the chapel's history, in words and picture, and ask for your help in finding old photographs, documents, or information on any event, especially any 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

November Event Report

We were pleased to welcome Mr David Turner, owner of Hills Department Store in Spalding, who provided a very interesting and entertaining night for our members. David provided entertaining scenarios from his memories of over 50 years running the store, from it's origins in the Market Place to its current position in Broad Street, next to the Council's South Holland Centre.

Next time you visit Spalding, have a cup of tea in their large restaurant overlooking the River Welland.

Thank you David for a very entertaining evening.

Christmas Tree Festival

As usual, we will have a tree in this year's festival which takes place at the Methodist Church between Friday 26th & Sunday 28th November. Admission is free and this year it is held for the benefit of the Lincolnshire & Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. Come along, have a cup of tea, and see our entry.

Town Walk

Anyone fancy another town walk similar to the one we held last year, let us know?

This newsletter is published bi-monthly by Bourne Preservation Society. If you have an article that you would like us to include, please contact us using the information on the website, or call 07825 515394

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