

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To all our Society members, families and friends, and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year. Thank you for your support in 2008, and look out for more, interesting, member nights throughout 2009.

### **Chairman's comment.**

I believe that we are close to agreeing terms with BTC on the chapel project, and now we need to know we have your support as we move forwards. If you want to save the chapel, please indicate to us that you wish to provide practical help.

### **Society update**

Three members met with BTC chapel working party (Bourne Town Council) on Monday 17th November, and despite a sometimes heated discussion, we felt that both sides understood each other better after the meeting. As a result we delivered a letter clarifying the Society's position on some points and we will resubmit the business case to include similar amendments. In late November we also received the chapel pre-lease agreement for our comments, this has been circulated and a response is being finalised as this is written, this will also be delivered to be with BTC before the forthcoming 'Finance' meeting on Tuesday 16th December. We are now hoping that BTC will approve the business case and that the £5000 offered will be with us sometime in January.

### **November members evening**

Jonathan Smith gave an excellent talk on Bourne's historic mineral water industry at Wake House on 28th November attended by members. A large collection of antique bottles, in very interesting configurations, helped illustrate his words.



### **Christmas Cards**

We still have a few Christmas cards available at £1.50 each to support the Society. Produced for us from original paintings of the chapel by committee member, Helen Powell, they have proved popular, they are in two designs as shown above, and have a message inside the card 'Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'. The cards are pre-packed individually, in plastic sleeves, with their envelopes. The back of the card has a message indicating that they are in support of the Society. Ring Helen on 01778 421042, or Jack on 07960 569358 to purchase.

### **Thank You**

This newsletter is a good way for me to wish all BPS members a peaceful, healthy Christmas and New Year.

To all who have supported our first 'fund raisers', thank you very much, and I shall hope for your continued support during 2009. We have four market stalls planned, and at the Spring and Autumn ones we hope to, not only 'sell ourselves', but also to sell bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts etc., so please, when you have these items, please think of BPS as well as all other charities you support.

I look forward to working for BPS during 2009, and like us all, I'm sure, I feel proud to be 'in' at the beginning.

Cynthia Graham  
Fundraising

### **Publicity**

Well we continue to make the press, but not much substance at the moment, as until the documents, discussed left, are back with BTC, there will not be much happening, however we had another successful market stall on Thursday 4th December, in atrocious weather, but Cynthia, Robert & Jack manfully (womenfully!) manned the stall. All the stall holders got a mince pie, and the offer of wine (accepted by one!), and visitors to the stall also enjoyed the hot mulled wine and mince pies on offer, giving us the opportunity to chat about our Society and its aims.

We desperately need folding display material, does anyone have contacts that may be able to supply something to us, however basic?

### **Dates for your diary**

17th December - Committee meeting - Baldock's Mill - 7.30pm

15th January - Committee meeting - Baldock's Mill - 7.30pm

26th January - Members meeting - Wake House 7.30pm  
'Power Generation at the Mill' by Jim Jones - non-members £1

# BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY-December 2008 Newsletter

## Christmas Tree Festival

We entered our tree, I hope you saw it, with the theme 'Keeping the Past Alive - Bourne Preservation Society' into the "Christmas Tree Festival" at the Methodist Church, on the 29th and 30th of November.



It was an excellent way of promoting BPS, and I know that lots of people attended the event, which grows in popularity each year. We thank the organisers and the Methodist church for inviting us to enter a tree this year.

## Newsletter

We are always looking for ideas and opinions, this is your newsletter, please submit any items which you think others may be interested in, especially old pictures, or articles about Bourne, which we will feature in the newsletter, and on the website, remember to visit the site regularly, and please provide feedback on its' content to us ..  
[www.bournepreservationsociety.co.uk](http://www.bournepreservationsociety.co.uk)

## Conservation Area

There must be some of you out there who would like to take part in this project, learn about your town while you help. If you would be interested in helping with this work, please contact Robert Kitchener on 01778 421891 or any committee member.

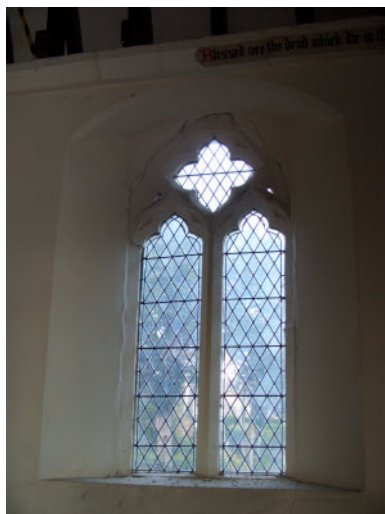
## Chapel History

If you have, or know of, pictures, photographs, or information on the cemetery chapel, we would be interested to hear from you .  
[jpsmithpix@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jpsmithpix@yahoo.co.uk)

## Educate and Inform

Heritage Lottery, from who we will be applying for funding, have advised us that a necessary part of our plan must be 'education' of the public, in all age ranges, and this in line with our Society Constitution. We therefore need to produce educational material in the form of literature, film, and a 'timeline' of chapel information. If you would like to take part in the discussions to develop this, please contact 07960569358 for further information.

## Looking Out



A view that we hope many members of the public will be able to enjoy soon, from inside the chapel.

## Ideas Corner

We need original ideas to raise funds for the Society, to enable us to carry out our wider aims, in addition to those we will need for the chapel restoration, for which we will be creating a charitable company. If you have organised unusual events or methods of raising funds that will appeal to all ages, please contact us with your suggestions. We intend to hold two or three major fund raising events each year.  
Cynthia on 01778 422097

## Society Clothing

We have available polo shirts and fleeces, in the Society colours of Bottle Green, with an embroidered gold logo as shown below  
Polo's are £14 each, Fleece is £25, ladies and men's sizes.



Enquiries to 07960 569358