

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

Chairman's comment.

Last month's members meeting was well received, as we sent everyone out into the evening air clutching their quiz sheets and pens, to find the answers to their quiz questions, and also to add a little bit more to their knowledge of Bourne, we will have a similar evening in next year's program.

We have, as you know a meeting offer from Bourne Town Council to discuss the chapel, however it is felt that it is in the society's interest to meet with others first, in order to be in a stronger position when we agree the meeting. Other meetings are taking place now and over the next month, and we hope to meet with BTC in late September. It is looking unlikely that we will be in a position to sign the chapel pre-lease before the end of the year unless BTC show a sense of willingness to move things forward that has not been apparent up to now. The chapel continues to deteriorate as BTC ignore, or at least fail to act responsibly, to their legal responsibility over this Grade II listed building, no repairs have been carried out, since their own survey, which pointed out the need for immediate work.

It must also be pointed out that BTC carried forward into the accounts for 2009/10, an amount of £125,630.63p, this represents over 47% of their total income from all sources, and an amount which is more than that which they received from the precept charge to our Council Tax. In respect of the local community, they donated £7,824.91p, less than 3% of their total income, ask yourself, and your councillor, what they are doing to benefit our town?

They have the money, why will they not look after our town?

Dates for your diary

17th August - Members night - Wake House, North Street, Bourne - 7.30pm

17th August - Committee meeting - Wake House - 9.00pm

21st September - Members night (Terry Barnatt - Glass Engraving) - Wake House, North Street, Bourne - 7.30pm

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Next Member Meeting

Come along to Wake house next Monday, 17th August and hear Mr Andy York, Senior Sales and Marketing Manager, tell us the story of Warners Midland plc. A local company for over 80 years.



All welcome Members £1, Non-members £2

Membership

Most members have renewed their memberships now, however if you have not yet renewed yours, we hope you will do so in the very near future, your support is vital to the Society. Some members have believed that their membership runs for 12 months from the date of joining, however this is not the case. Our constitution sets the membership year to end on 31st March, however it is not our intention to mislead anyone and we apologise if this was not made clear, and we will be happy to make a pro-rata adjustment at the renewal next March to effectively refund the difference.

New members are essential for the future growth of the Society, therefore tell your friends about us, and come along and support the member evenings, you will find them interesting and enjoyable.

Apology - Car Boot Sale

We apologise to any member inconvenienced as a result of our cancellation of the Car Boot Sale, organised for 2nd August. Unfortunately, due to holidays, we were unable to provide sufficient personnel to man the event.

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A message from committee member Cynthia Graham.

Just below this item you can see our forthcoming events, I would like to ask you to give your support to them.

For the market stall on the 3rd September we have some nice good quality items to sell, and we will also have some new literature about BPS, which is what it is all about! Without money we can do nothing, and it is important too that we make ourselves known more publicly, to help our organisation grow.

We all know that Bourne Town Council is not exactly a 'progressive' council, so we expected life would be a little difficult, but I don't think any of us foresaw their utter uselessness, it would appear they are just an expensive predator of our council tax! Therefore it becomes Bourne Preservation Society to act with resolution in all things to make Bourne town itself a more beautiful place to live.

Come along to say 'hello' at the stalls, we will be very glad to see you.

(The views expressed above are not necessarily those of the Society)

Forthcoming Publicity & Fund Raising events.

Bourne Market Thursday 3rd September
Bric-a-Brac Stall and publicity
9-12.00am

Abbey Church Hall Saturday 19th September
Abbey Church Charities Fair
10 - 12.30 am

Bourne Market Thursday 3rd December
Bric-a-Brac Stall, publicity, and a surprise!
9-12.00am



Last month we reported that we would be meeting with the groups involved in similar projects in Holbeach (council), and Boston (group), this is still ongoing and is being coordinated by the South Lincs. Community Volunteer Service (CVS) of which we are members. We have met with them very recently and they assure us that this will be taking place very soon.

Roof Watch

These pictures show the continuing deterioration of the chapel roof, holes and slipped tiles in many areas, this one at the rear of the south chapel.

Despite being notified by us in May of the damage, and their verbal assurance that this was 'in hand' BTC have not responded to that notification, and, more importantly, the roof is still unrepaired. The picture, left, shows the ongoing situation clearly, urgent action must be taken by BTC to protect the building, before the Winter months arrive.

It is their legal obligation as owners of a Grade II listed building



Heritage Lincolnshire have launched '*Heritage at Risk*', a project to document historic buildings, sites, and open spaces in our county. This project will run from 2010-2012, with a pilot this year. running now. 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.

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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