

Welcome to the March/April edition of the newsletter, we hope you enjoy the content. If you would like to see any particular item covered, or wish to submit an article, please email your request to the Society's email addresses on the website, or contact any committee member.

Chairman's comment.

Well here we are starting out on our second year, where did the first one go? This year we move up to monthly meetings, the first one, held on Monday 20th April, was an entertaining view of 'Life as a Civil Servant in the 50's' by Jock Wallace, much enjoyed by those who attended. You will all have received your membership renewal letters by now, and I hope that you will continue to support the Society, we need your support. Elsewhere you will find a status report on the chapel, and a request for an artist to paint a picture of the chapel.. You will also find information on the 'Heritage at Risk' project being undertaken by Heritage Lincolnshire, maybe you would be interested in taking part? See the article for details.

LATE NEWS 'Heritage at Risk' training event at Wake House on Saturday 9th May, call for details.

The Ostler Fountain

You will be aware of the renovation recently carried out on this monument, we would encourage you to go along and see it. As you can see from the photo

(right), it is looking very white, if a little unnatural, in the strong Spring sunshine. Why on earth these railings have been put around it, is something known only to the Town Council, they completely spoil what is a lovely monument.



Next Member Meeting

Come along to Wake house on Monday 18th May to hear Pat Graham's reminiscences of 'National Service', I'm sure you will find it an entertaining evening. Members £1, Non-members £2

Charity Commission

On the advice of the Charities Commission, we will be forming ourselves as a Private Limited Company Limited by Guarantee, registered with the Charity Commission, this will help us carry out the projects we have planned without further change to our status.

HERITAGE LINCOLNSHIRE
Looking after Lincolnshire's heritage

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 starting soon. If you would like to be a Heritage Steward and take part in this project, get further details from the Society on 07960 569358, or direct from Heritage Lincolnshire on 01529 461499, mention our name if you call them direct.



Dates for your diary

18th May - Members night - Wake House - 7.30pm
18th May - Committee meeting - Wake House - 9.00pm

Market Stall

Look out for us on Bourne market on Thursday, 21st May, come along and support the stall.

BOURNE PRESERVATION SOCIETY - Mar/Apr 2009 Newsletter

New Membership Year

Our membership year started on 1st April, our member nights are now monthly, always held on the third Monday of every month (except December) and always at the Baxter Room at Wake House on North Street, at 7.30pm. With your membership renewal you will receive an events reminder card, detailing the years' events. Next event is on 18th May and is Pat Graham's entertaining stories of 'National Service' If you have not yet sent in your membership renewal, I hope you will soon, we need your support.

Cemetery Chapel

We continue to work to secure the chapel lease with Bourne Town Council. The council have provided us with a signed copy of the lease, however they have failed to accept any of our proposed amendments, and have signed it without either notification or communication with us, we are therefore seeking clarification on our amendments to see where we can agree a compromise suitable to both parties. BTC have failed to follow their own guidelines in signing the lease, as their minutes quote "when agreement has been reached...", and it most certainly has not.

Over the period from September to March, two tiles have fallen off revealing small holes in the roof, as far as we are aware this is being dealt with by BTC and we will be monitoring the repair of these, one is in the east facing south chapel, the other on the north facing north chapel, pictured below.



We are working with other groups to ensure that our documents submitted to BTC are adequate and will update where improvements can be made, but the initial response to 3rd part scrutiny was excellent, commending us for producing such a professional document. We will be meeting with the groups engaging similar projects in Holbeach (council) and Boston (group), and this is being set up on our behalf by the South Lincs. Community Volunteer Service (CVS) of which we are members.

Chapel History

If you have, or know of, pictures, photographs, or information on the cemetery chapel, we would be interested to hear from you .

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Any Artists out there ...

We would like to have an artistic impression of the chapel to use in publicity material, if you would like to assist us by producing such a painting we would be very grateful indeed, it would provide us with a new representation of the chapel, and also a painting showing the condition of the building before any restoration project commences, the picture can be in any medium, i.e. oils, water colour, acrylic, or pencil, but should be in colour. If you would like to help us in this way, please contact either Jack Slater on 07960 569358 or Jonathan Smith at secretary@bournepreservationsociety.co.uk.

Project One

It seems a long time ago now, that first meeting to try to ensure that the chapel was saved from demolition, and much has happened since that date, however our goal still eludes us. We will not give up on our plan to restore and re-open the chapel, we believe that it has a solid future of use to the people of Bourne and the surrounding area. The building is also too important to lose, and in too good condition to allow it to be removed, or as now seems to be the case in the hands of Bourne Town Council, simply to be there, closed and uncared for, with BTC simply maintaining it in its current state, spending taxpayers money on it with no benefit to the town or its population.



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