

Welcome to the May/June edition of the newsletter, we hope you enjoy the content. This issue is slightly late as we wanted to include a report on the Council meeting of the 23rd June, and you can see that report below. Also see our forthcoming changes to the Society on page 2.

Chairman's comment.

The Society continues to move forward, and alongside the chapel project, our Heritage Stewards have started surveying and reporting on the Heritage at Risk survey of historic buildings and archaeological sites in the area. Also our monthly meetings are going well, the last one was a talk by James Wherry on 'Over 200 years of a family business', a very interesting and entertaining evening. Our next meeting will be on Monday 20th July, when we will be having a 'Bourne Quiz Walk' starting and finishing at Wake House, starts at 7.30 prompt, and don't worry about the walk, you can do as little as you like. Most members have now renewed their memberships, if you have not, could you please send it in as soon as possible, we do need your support. We have a Car Boot sale coming up on August 2nd, please support us at that event also. Elsewhere you will find the latest status report on the chapel, and a further 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 English Heritage, piloted by Heritage Lincolnshire, maybe you would be interested in taking part? See the article for details. I would also like to pass the Society's congratulations to committee member Jim Jones on the award of M.B.E. for services to the community .. well deserved Jim.

Chapel Progress

At the meeting of the full Town Council on Tuesday 23rd June, the Society made representation to Bourne Town Council, by members of the Society in both speech and word. We had become aware of the likely decision by BTC, through seeing their meeting agenda, and the recommendation of their sub-committee, if carried, would have meant that we would not be able to sign the pre-lease agreement, we took the decision to be pro-active in trying to prevent this proposal being ratified, and, in the event, we were successful, the Council voting by a majority to meet with the Society as quickly as possible to try and resolve the outstanding issues in front of us.

These issues really are quite simple to resolve, but are very necessary for the security of Bourne Preservation Society, and the raising of major grant aid, so we hope that this will result in us taking a real step forward in the next few weeks.

Keep a close eye on our website for any updates.

We have so many projects we would like to get started on with the chapel, we sincerely hope that the forthcoming meeting with BTC will lead to a quick agreement on the pre-lease agreement, and a start to our restoration plans



Next Member Meeting

Come along to Wake house on Monday 20th July and take part in our 'Bourne Quiz Walk', get a little fresh air and learn a little more about our town.

Members £1, Non-members £2

Membership reminder

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.

Dates for your diary

20th July - Members night - Wake House - 7.30pm

20th July - Committee meeting - Wake House - 9.00pm

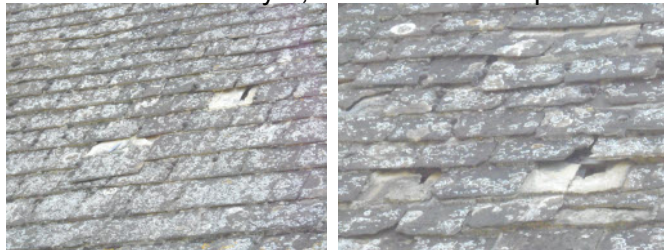
Car Boot Sale

Come and find us in the Britannia Industrial Estate on Cherryholt Road, Enter your car or just support the boots that are there.
Sunday 2nd August 10.00 - 12.00am.

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The Chapel Roof Update

These pictures show some of the deterioration since last newsletter, fortunately there has not been too much rain yet, but we need it repaired.



In May, we notified Bourne Town Council of repairs necessary to the roof of the chapel, as, over the winter period, four tiles had fallen off revealing small holes in the roof, we have been told verbally by BTC that this is being dealt with but to date no action has been taken and the roof continues to deteriorate with several more areas now suffering tile loss or slippage. We will continue to monitor the repair of the roof, to ensure that damage due to the building is as minimal as possible, however the time taken to carry out these repairs is becoming excessive. We will continue to press BTC for a resolution .. It is their legal responsibility to maintain the listed condition of this building.

Any Artists out there ... Again!

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.

Mural/Banner

The committee have approved the purchase of a banner which we will use as a backdrop for stalls and events. This will be ten feet long and four feet deep, and will contain a timeline of Bourne's history in addition to highlighting the Society. Any ideas out there? Quickly please to any member of the committee or via the website. The banner will be produced in Bourne, as is our Society clothing, in keeping with our policy of supporting local businesses and charities wherever possible.

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 running now. 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.

Chapel History

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

jpsmithpix@yahoo.co.uk

We will be meeting with the groups involved in similar projects in Holbeach (council), and Boston (group), this is being set up on our behalf by the South Lincs. Community Volunteer Service (CVS) of which we are members.

Bourne Preservation Trust

Within the next few weeks, we hope to become Bourne Preservation Trust, a private limited company, limited by guarantee, then to be registered as a charity. This will give us the status necessary to take on the projects that we are planning without further change to our organisation. We have come a long way in the past year, and hope to better that in our second year, so please support our events and meetings, we can only be as good as the support you give us. The chapel's future is safe, you helped us achieve that, whether or not we restore it, now support us into the next stage where we take control of it.

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 ..
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